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HONGKONG BANK'S WARNING TO THE PUBLIC.

COMING FROM RUSSIA?

There are indications that the Colony has been flooded with forged five dollar notes—excellent imitations of those issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

In conversation with a Bank official this morning a *Telegraph* reporter was informed that a very large number of forged notes have come into their possession in the last few days. Some indication of the enormous quantity which it seems likely has been dumped in Hongkong is given by the fact that notes of numbers ranging from A 111,000 to A160,000 have been seen.

50,000 Printed.

This does not mean, of course, that every note between these numbers has been seen, but the fact that forged notes bearing numbers of and between the limits specified have been discovered would seem to indicate that something like 50,000 notes have been printed and circulated.

This, undoubtedly serious, fraud is almost entirely confined to five dollar bills and the public is advised to pay special attention to notes of this denomination which come to hand.

Clever Forgeries.

They are admitted by the Bank to be excellent forgeries, but can be detected by the colouring. The tints on both sides of the notes are deeper than in the case of the genuine ones.

This is more easily noticeable on the back of the notes where the colouring is largely red. In addition certain letters are a trifle out of alignment, particularly the letter indicating the serial number.

Not Easily Detected.

This difference, however, is one not easily detected by the inexperienced in such matters. Likewise experts can detect a difference in the quality of the paper but this also can rarely be detected by those with little or no knowledge of bank note paper qualities.

The forged notes purport to be signed by W. C. Cowan, chief accountant, and J. R. M. Smith, chief manager, and bear an issue date of 1st January, 1928. As to the source of origin the work is so excellent that it is believed to have been performed by an expert craftsman and the possibility is suggested that the notes have emanated from Russia.

ADVICE TO GERMAN FIRMS.

SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO CHINA TABOOED.

Berlin, Feb. 23. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Stresemann, in a letter to the German East-Asiatic Union acknowledges that the members have carried out their promise, given in April last year, not to despatch war material to China from German ports or on board German vessels.

He emphatically warns all German firms not to participate in the shipment of arms to China, owing to the political situation there.—*Reuter*.

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S EXHIBITION.

JUST TO SHOW HE COULD DO IT AGAIN?

New York, Feb. 23. In making an exhibition run over the Daytona Beach motor speedway to-day, Captain Malcolm Campbell, who created a world's record on Sunday, negotiated a measured miles stretch at an average speed of 206.797 miles an hour, a shade less than his own record.—*Reuter's American Service*.

NANKING CUSTOMS POLICY.

CO-OPERATING THROUGH MR. MAZE, OF SHANGHAI.

FURLOUGH DELAYED.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

The Director-General of the Customs Administration of the Nationalist Government, Nanking, recently approved several changes of Customs Commissioners upon the recommendations of Mr. F. W. Maze, the Shanghai Commissioner. Mr. A. G. Bethell will go to Lappa (Macao) replacing Mr. F. W. Maze, who is retiring.

Mr. T. Jisooji will go from Assistant at Nanking to Soochow for two months, replacing Mr. A. G. Bethell.

Mr. F. de P. M. P. de Marti will act as Commissioner at Wuhu, his present station, in place of Mr. T. A. M. Castle, who has been granted sick leave.

In connexion with the above, it is pointed out that "the contract between the Inspector-General of Customs and the Ministry of Finance since the establishment of the Nationalist Government has been maintained through the office of the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, and this procedure continues to be followed."

The Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance announces

JAPANESE VOLCANO ERUPTION.

YESTERDAY'S TERRIFYING EXPERIENCES.

Tokyo, Feb. 24. The Asama-yama volcano erupted yesterday afternoon with a deafening roar. It was the most severe action by the volcano in eight years, shaking the surrounding villages, and terrifying the inhabitants.

Huge boulders were emitted, but up to the present no casualties are reported, though there has been considerable damage to property.—*Reuter*.

ROYAL VISIT TO SHOW AT BIRMINGHAM.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES' FAIR INTEREST.

London, Feb. 23. The King and Queen, who on Tuesday visited the London section of the British Industries' Fair, today made the journey from London to Birmingham to see the section of the fair in that city.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, who is the member of Parliament for West Birmingham and Sir Philip Cunliffe, the President of the Board of Trade, travelled in the Royal train.

Upon arrival at Birmingham the Royal party drove in motor-cars to the Exhibition being enthusiastically greeted on route.

Their Majesties were welcomed at the Exhibition by the local authorities and by prominent industrialists. After spending the best part of the afternoon inspecting the exhibits, their Majesties returned to London.—*British Wireless*.

NANKING DISPUTE SETTLED.

HO YING-CHING TO BECOME CHIEF OF STAFF.

Nanking, Feb. 24. General Ho Ying-ching has announced his acceptance of the post of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army under Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter*.

The announcement is regarded as most important in view of the suggestion that Chiang was endeavouring to deprive Gen. Ho of the powerful army in his control, and to bring it directly under his own influence. He was stated to be very dissatisfied with Chiang's plans.

BRITISH VIEWS ON SECURITY.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS IN REGIONAL TREATIES.

SCOPE OF CONVENANT.

Geneva, Feb. 23. After lengthy discussion, the League of Nations Arbitration and Security Committee abandoned the idea of a general arbitration treaty in favour of bi-lateral treaties.

"It is inexpedient to attempt to draw up in advance a list of measures for preserving international peace," declared Lord Cusheendun, the British representative, in submitting the proposal to the Committee.

Lord Cusheendun contended that the League Covenant created a measure of security insofar as its articles generally speaking were capable of preventing war.

Regional Treaties Advocated.

The Members of the League could more easily exert the common will to peace within the framework of the Covenant, because that instrument did not provide a rigid code of procedure for the settlement of an international crisis. Lord Cusheendun advocated, in accordance with the terms of the British Memorandum last month, that States who did not find adequate security within the Covenant should conclude regional treaties.

Britain and Arbitration.

He also intimated to the Committee that the British Empire could not accept arbitration without certain reservations. He was ready to say that the Empire was prepared to submit justiciable cases to arbitration and he suggested the creation of a Commission of Conciliation on the model of the one existing between Canada and the United States, for the settlement of political questions.—*Reuter*.

Draft Convention.

London, Feb. 23. The text of the draft convention on arbitration and security, proposed by Britain, was issued today at Geneva.

It is as follows: The Committee on arbitration and security, and the Articles of the Covenant, submitted by the Chairman, declares its concurrence in the views therein enunciated:

That, firstly, the Covenant itself creates a measure of security which needs to be appreciated at its full value, and that its articles are capable of being applied in such a way that in the majority of cases they can prevent war.

That, secondly, the common will to peace of the Council and the States Members can be exercised effectively within framework of the Covenant, all the more so because that instrument does not provide any rigid code of procedure for settlement of international crises, and that it is, therefore, inexpedient to attempt to draw up in advance a complete list of measures for preserving international peace;

That, thirdly, those nations which consider that the general measure of security afforded by the conclusion of security pacts with other States in the same geographical area, is the only practical and possible form of supplementary guarantee.—*British Wireless*.

Conclusions Being Drafted.

Geneva, Feb. 23. The conclusions reached in the discussions of the Committee on Arbitration and Security are being drafted.

The committee has appointed M. Benes, the Chairman and M. Under, the Vice-Chairman, and the British, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Polish and Argentine members to make a general report with a view to the eventual formulation of the necessary draft conventions.—*Reuter*.

London, Feb. 23. The Committee on arbitration and security concluded its general discussion yesterday, and the detailed consideration of the rapporteurs' memoranda began. The representatives of Belgium, Canada,

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SIR M. LAMPSON AT CANTON.

GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME ON ARRIVAL.

OFFICIALS PRESENT.

Canton, Feb. 24.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, arrived here at 6.30 yesterday afternoon aboard H.M.S. *Tarantula*.

A large gathering of foreign and Chinese officials were at the Shamen jetty to accord the Minister a rousing welcome. These included Mr. Brennan, the British Consul-General, members of the Canton Consular Body, and representatives of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, amongst whom were Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Lin Wen-kai, the Mayor of Canton.

A guard of honour from men of the Queen's Regiment was drawn up on the Shamen bund.

The British Minister landed on the Shamen jetty by motor launch and immediately after his landing the band played the National Anthem. Sir Miles then inspected the troops. Following this he was accompanied by the British Consul-General and Commissioners Chu and Lin to the residence opposite the British Consulate which had been prepared for his arrival.

Sir Miles Lampson will be entertained to lunch at the Consulate this afternoon, and this evening he will be given a dinner by the Shamen Chamber of Commerce.

To-morrow morning the British Minister will call on General Li Chai-sum, the Chairman of the Kwangtung Government.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

HOIFUNG REDS SEIZE KACHEK.

FORCE OF OVER EIGHT THOUSAND.

Canton, Feb. 24.

A telegraphic report from Shek-lung announces the fall of Kachek city, on the East River.

It is stated that over 8,000 "Reds" from Hoifung stormed Kachek on the 22nd, and captured the city on the same day.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

MILITARY CHIEF'S APPOINTMENT.

TAN YEN-KAI TO LEAD FOURTH NANKING ARMY.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

A message from Nanking states that it has now been definitely confirmed that General Tan Yen-kai will be appointed the Commander of the Fourth Army, which consists at present, of the Western Army and all the provincial forces of Hunan and Hupeh.—*Reuter*.

STRINGENT SAMOA ORDINANCE.

BAN IMPOSED ON NATIVE MEETINGS.

Wellington, Feb. 23.

A message from Apia states that the Council has passed an Ordinance forbidding the wearing of uniforms representing seditious organisations.

It also forbids the assembly of natives without proper reason.—*Reuter*.

NANKING POSTS.

NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

Mr. Hsueh Tzu-pi has been appointed Minister of the Interior for the Nationalist Government at Nanking, and Mr. Yi Pei-chi, the Minister of Agriculture and Min-

AMERICA'S NAVAL PLANS CUT.

THIRD OF PROGRAMME ACCEPTED.

NEW SUBMARINES & FLOTILLA LEADERS BANNED.

Washington, Feb. 23.

As foretold in New York following a flood of protests to the Government, the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has decided to authorise the construction of fifteen cruisers and one aircraft-carrier as against the 71 vessels demanded by the Navy Department through Mr. Curtis Wilbur.

The cost of the new programme is estimated to be \$274,000,000 compared with \$374,000,000 if Mr. Wilbur's plans had been carried out in their entirety.

Exclusive of Personnel.

Both figures, however, are exclusive of aircraft and the cost of the increased personnel.

The Committee further decided that the first vessel should be laid down within three years, and after the passage of the Bill, the programme must be completed within six years.

The Committee rejected the proposals for nine new destroyer leaders proposed, and declined to authorise the construction of one of the 32 submarines demanded by Mr. Wilbur.

Presidential Powers.

The Committee also approved the proviso that in the event of the United States signing an international agreement for further limitation of naval armaments, the President would be empowered to suspend the whole or part of the authorised programme.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Incorrect.

London, Feb. 23.

The message cabled yesterday relating to the authorisation by the British Admiralty of the construction of seven new cruisers is incorrect. The contracts laid are for destroyers and not for cruisers.—*Reuter*.

In the House of Representatives on Jan. 12, Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur disclosed that the Navy Department had drafted a comprehensive 20-year building programme, of which the five-year programme involving the expenditure of \$725,000,000 is only a part.

Mr. Wilbur said that the programme already given in detail would be spread over ten years, but that a much bigger programme providing for the replacement of battleships would be introduced as soon as that was possible under the Washington Treaty.

The annual cost of battleship replacement would be \$168,000,000, aggregating \$3,360,000,000.

Later, Mr. Wilbur corrected his statement and estimated the cost of the proposed twenty-year battleship construction programme to be \$129,000,000 annually and not \$329,000,000, thus aggregating \$3,280,000,000.

Previously a member of the committee asked whether Mr. Wilbur considered the American Navy at the present time a first class fighting force.

"We need cruisers," replied Mr. Wilbur.

"Then you consider the Navy not first class?" queried the member.

"Yes," answered Mr. Wilbur.

LOCAL LIBEL ACTION.

TO BE HEARD NEXT MONTH.

The case in which Mr. L. E. Haynes sues Mr. G. W. C. Burnett for \$1,000 damages for alleged libel was again mentioned in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. A. el Arculli, for the defendant, said the plaintiff had supplied him with everything he required and asked his Lordship to fix a date.

His Lordship fixed Thursday, March 15, for the hearing.

WAR FILM BANNING REPERCUSSION.

RENTERS REGARD NATIONAL SUSCEPTIBILITIES.

MORE FILMS STOPPED.

London, Feb. 23.

Bannings, and rumours of bannings, are re-echoing in the film world as the result of the suppression of the Nurse Cavell war film "Dawn."

Soon afterwards, it was announced that the film "Mare Nostrum," a war picture depicting U-Boats, would be withdrawn by the renters as some of the incidents were liable to offend the susceptibilities of the Germans.

The film "The Callahans and Murphy" has been withdrawn because the renters understood it offended Irishmen.

The trade show of the German film, "The World War Through German Spectacles," which was passed by the British Board of Censors, has been postponed owing to the Cavell film controversy. The renters state that it will be shown later when things are quiet.

Berlin, Feb. 23.

Simultaneously with a film "Martin Luther," depicting the life of the reformer, being shown

GENERAL ELECTION IN JAPAN.

FINAL STATE OF PARTIES PUBLISHED.

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

The final official election figures have been issued and show the state of the parties as follows:

Selyukai (Baron Tanaka) .221
Minseito .214
Other Parties .31

The Selyukai gained six of the eight seats for the Loo-chow Islands. Each party is now busily bidding for the independents to join it.—*Reuter*.

to capacity houses in Berlin, it has been prohibited in Bavaria because it offended the susceptibilities of "Roman Catholics."—*Reuter*.

TYRE FACTORIES IN ENGLAND.

TWO MORE AMERICAN FIRMS OPENING WORKS.

London, Feb. 23.

Further important developments are expected to take place in the manufacture of rubber tyres in Great Britain.

It is learned that both the Firestone and the Pirelli companies, who have hitherto supplied the British market from their factories outside, are building new works here, and furthermore are preparing for a large output.

There are now three firms who have taken this step since Mr. Winston Churchill, in the last Budget, included tyres in the same fiscal category as motor cars and imposed on them an import duty of 35.1/3 per cent.

The third is Messrs. Goodyear, who announced last July that they were establishing a factory at Wolverhampton, where they would employ 1,000 men on the making of tyres.—*British Wireless*.

FUNERAL OF EARL OF ERROLL.

CONDOLENCES FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

London, Feb. 23.

The funeral of the late Earl of Erroll, the British High Commissioner in the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission, who died suddenly on Monday, took place at Cologne to-day.

Baron Langwerth von Simmern, the Reich Commissioner for the occupied territories, represented the German Government, and among the many telegrams of condolence received by the widow was one from the German Government.—*British Wireless*.

SENSATION IN U. S. POLITICS.

MR. HOOVER ON SIDE OF PROHIBITION.

DEMOCRATS MAY USE STATE OPTION AS RIVAL.

Washington, Feb. 23.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the Secretary for Commerce, and a strong Republican candidate for the Presidency, has proclaimed himself a strong supporter of Prohibition in the course of a letter to Senator Borah, who sent a questionnaire to all potential Presidential candidates.

Mr. Hoover declares that the United States, in enforcing the Volstead Law, has undertaken a great social and economic experiment, noble in its motive and far-reaching in its purpose.

In Open for First Time.

The publication of Mr. Hoover's declared views is the first time he has come out openly on the side of the Prohibitionists, and it has caused considerable sensation in political circles.

Some deem the declaration to be bad policy, as it will alienate the large "Wet" following in the Republican ranks.

New Platform Issue.

It was generally believed that both Republicans and Democrats would shelve the question of Prohibition in the election, but Mr. Hoover's announcement will probably bring the problem once more into the limelight.

The Democrats, it is now possible, will adopt Mr. Al. Smith's system of State option for light wines and beer as a popular counter-attraction. Mr. Smith, the Governor of New York State, is himself a very strong candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Officially the Republican platform is "Dry."—*Reuter's American Service*.

BIG CUT IN NAVAL ESTIMATES.

BRITISH BUDGET ALREADY FORECASTED.

London, Feb. 23.

It is stated that the Estimates for the Services when presented to Parliament, will show a total saving of between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000, the major portion of which will be effected by the Admiralty.

The Air Force estimate will remain approximately the same as a year ago, while there will be a reduction in the Army figures of an amount which is variously given between £500,000 and £1,000,000.—*British Wireless*.

ATTEMPT ON DR. WU.

AWARD FOR MALAYS WHO ARRESTED GUNMAN.

A sequel to the attempt on Dr. Wu in Singapore, when Dr. Lim Boon Keng was wounded by one of several bullets fired by a gunman, is that the two Malays who chased the gunman and captured him in the compound of Mr. Burd's house, in Armenian Street have been awarded \$200 each by the Chief Police Officer.

One of the Malays is an unemployed chauffeur, named Mohamed Shariff, and the other is a Municipal employee.

MADRAS RECONSIDERS.

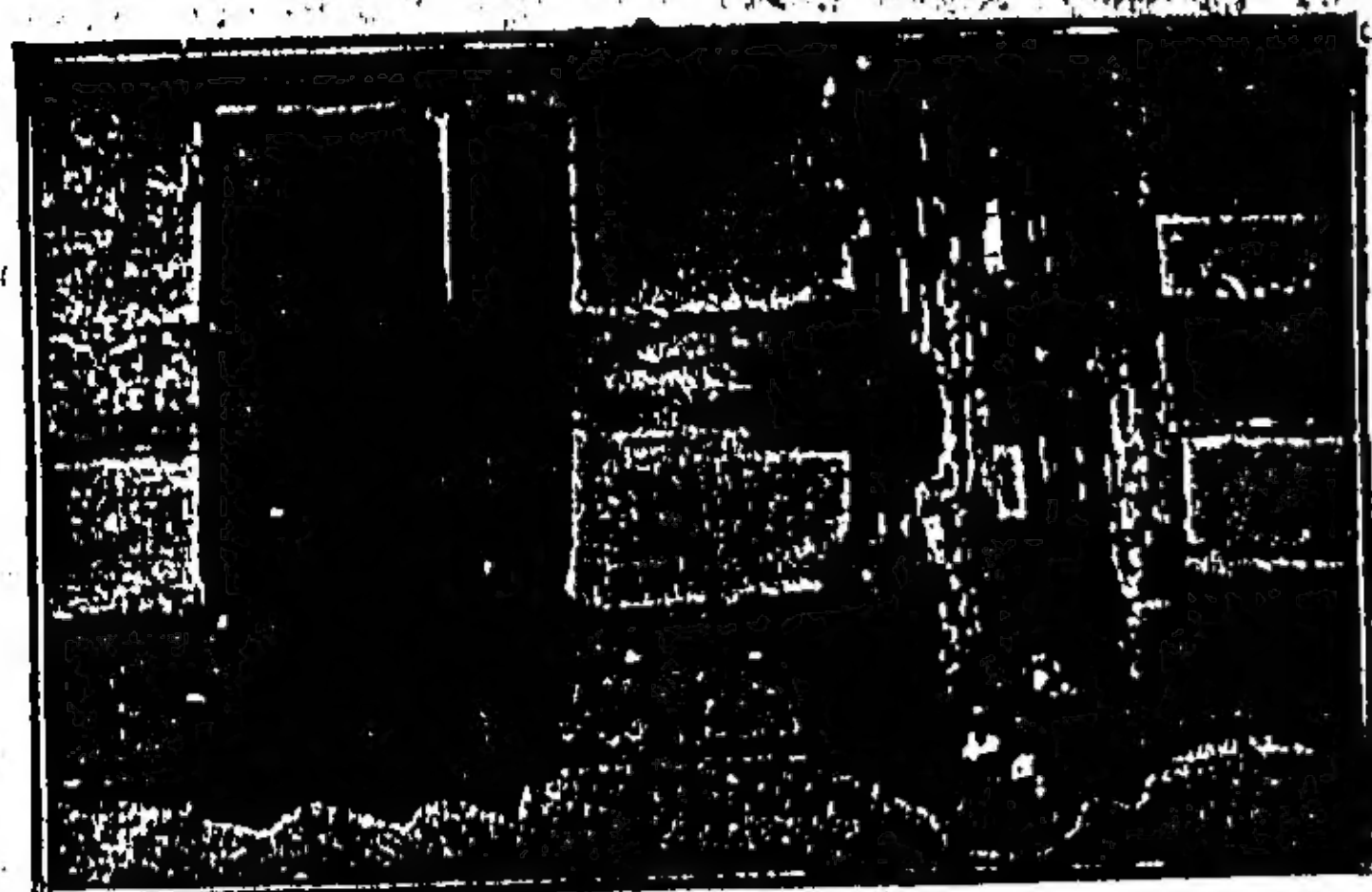
ANTI-COMMISSION HARTAL CALLED OFF.

Madras, Feb. 23.

The Executive Committee of the local Congress has decided to call off the hartal arranged to take place on the arrival of the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon.—*Reuter*.

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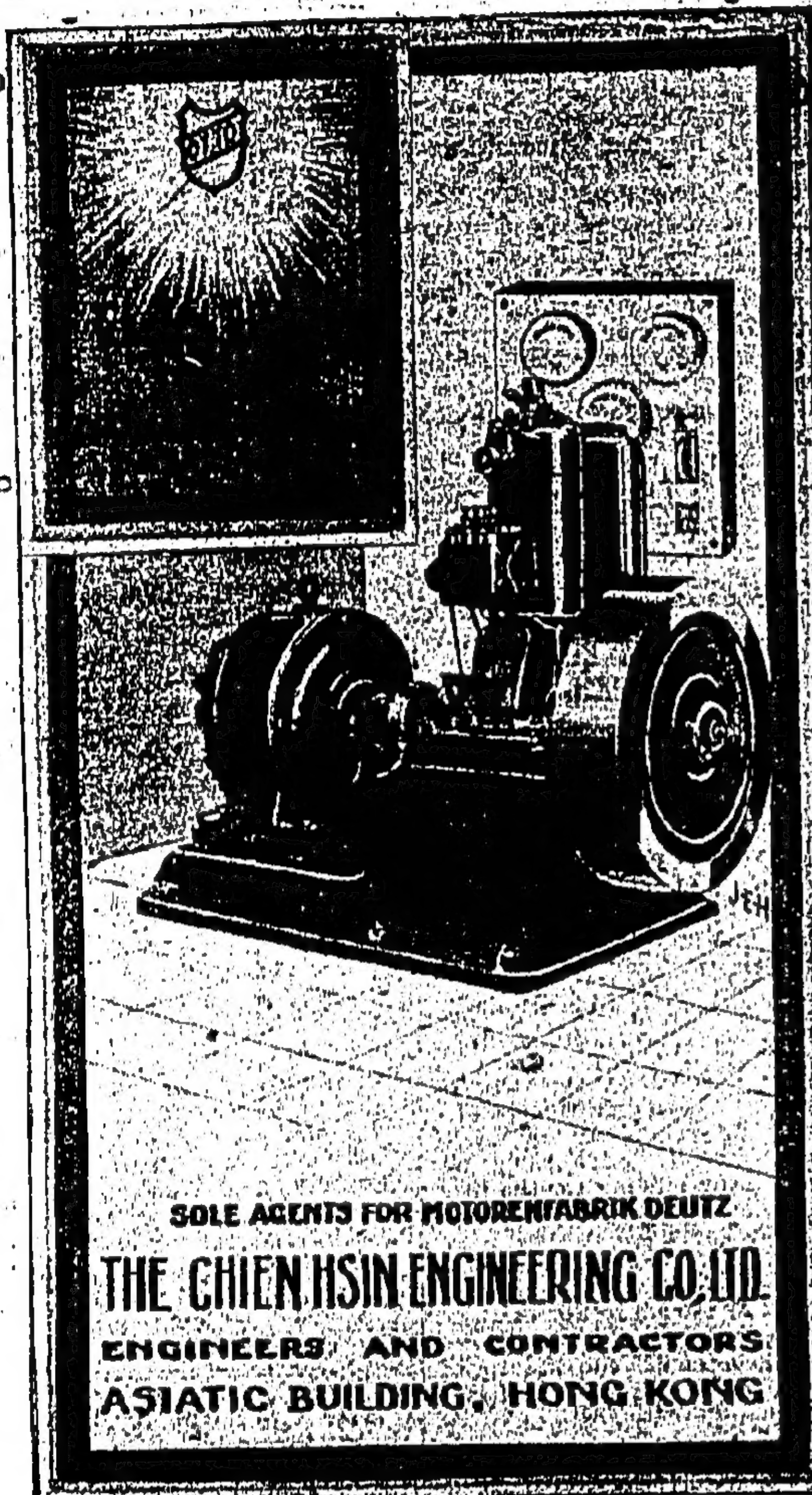


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SCOTTISH MARCH.

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL TO SERGT. FLETCHER.

A route march of the Scottish Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps took place last evening, commencing from the Star Ferry at 5.30 p.m. and ending at the Kowloon Dock.

There was a fair turn out, there being 50 in the ranks, approximately 85 per cent of the Kowloon and Tai Koo platoons, while the City platoon was weaker. Kowloon turned out 16 ranks and one officer, Tai Koo 13 ranks and one officer and the City 15 ranks and one officer.

Leaving the Star Ferry at 5.30, the company headed by the pipe band, a route was laid via Salisbury and Chatham Roads, through Hung Hom to the main gates of the Kowloon Dock. The Officer Commanding was Captain Morrison, with Second Lieuts. Mackenzie, Forsyth and Duncan and Sergt. Major Purves.

The Commandant, Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird was present at the assembly in the drawing loft of the Kowloon Dock, where refreshments were served to the troops, a large gathering of friends also being present among whom were: Messrs. R. M. Dyer, D. Templeton, K. Greig, A. M. Simpson and A. Henderson, with other members of the St. Andrew's Society.

Subsequent to material satisfaction, the principal event of the evening was put through, when Sergt. Fletcher was presented with the long service medal.

Introducing Sergeant Fletcher, Captain Morrison, made reference to the welcome return of Mr. R. M. Dyer, whom, he said, might well be regarded as the father of the Scottish Company. He also extended thanks to Mr. Templeton, while No. 6 Platoon were deserving of something more for the provision of entertainment and refreshments. The ladies were included.

Lieut. Colonel Bird then presented Sergeant Fletcher with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, reading out the recipient's record, which went back to 1905. Lieut. Colonel Bird expressed a hope that the record of Sergeant Fletcher would be a model for others. After 20 years service, he was an example which proved that volunteering was not so drab and those who had spent week-ends with the Company would support this view. Sergeant Fletcher had joined at the inception of the Scottish Company and was still going strong.

The evening closed with musical items by the pipers and individual vocalists.

DISARMAMENT.

SOVIET'S DRASTIC PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Feb. 23.
 The text of Soviet Russia's draft of a Disarmament Convention is published. It consists of sixty-three articles designed to provide for complete world disarmament in four years, after which it proposes as a means of protection that customs guards, local police and various other guards shall be retained armed with magazine rifles but unorganized for war purposes. It proposes also the establishment of a maritime police service for the protection of trade routes. The seas are to be divided into sixteen zones over which regional groups of states will assume responsibility as a sort of "san mandatories."

No warship for maritime police shall exceed 3,000 tons or carry more than two guns, the calibre of which shall not exceed two inches. It provides a ruthless disarmament programme but otherwise is along the lines of M. Litvinoff's proposals of last November. —Reuter.

COUNCIL MEETING.

NATURALIZATION BILL.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), presided at a meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon.

Standing Law Committee.

H. E. the Governor: As this is the first meeting of the Legislative Council this year, it becomes necessary to appoint the Standing Law Committee. I have ascertained that the following gentlemen are willing to serve and they are appointed: The Hon. Attorney General (Chairman), the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Dr. Kote-wall and the Hon. Mr. Bernard.

Publican's Licences.

The Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution:

That the scale of fees payable for Publican's Licences shall be altered and increased, in respect of each and every extension of the hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a "special," in accordance with the following scale:

For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit \$ 50.

For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit \$100 (additional).

For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit \$ 25.

For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit \$ 50 (additional).

And further that the following consequential amendments be made to the Schedule of Fees set forth in the Second Schedule to the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, that is to say:

(1) The following paragraph is inserted in the first column, next after paragraph (b) under "Publican's licence—"

And in addition to the above fees and in respect of each and every extension of hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a "special occasion," the following further fees,—

For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit \$ 50.

For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit \$100 (additional).

For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit \$ 25.

For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit \$ 50 (additional).

In advance," are inserted in the second column opposite the foregoing paragraph.

The Attorney General seconded and the resolution was carried.

Naturalization Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of An Ordinance to amend the Naturalization Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalization rights in certain cases. He said: The object of the Bill is to apply

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

VICTORY GAINED IN Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

The motion that "women of 21 should have the vote" was passed by a narrow majority at last night's debate at the Y.M.C.A. There was a record number of speakers.

Supporting the motion, Miss Watts and Miss Clerk said that at that age, women were "full of beans." Their minds were open and receptive, sensitive and vigorous. Women's place at home and other domestic matters with which she was peculiarly concerned, was being increasingly brought within the compass of such enactment as the Divorce and Income Tax Bills, the Luxury Tax, etc. A comparison was drawn with conditions of 50 years ago to show the increasing share which woman was now taking in all spheres of life and business.

Opposing the motion, the Rev. Mr. Wittenbach and Mr. C. Terry referred to women as being inconsistent, frivolous and romantic, which rendered them unfit to assume the responsibility conferred in a vote. She was just as likely to vote for the politician having such prepossessing features as a fine pair of side-whiskers or a pair of blue eyes, because of these same romantic leanings.

Amongst the other speakers, Mr. W. S. Bailey, in anticipating what he considered to be a foregone conclusion in regard to the eventual voting, said it was useless to keep woman's ideas down—they were going up like their dresses.

(Laughter.)

After an exhaustive debate, accompanied by sallies from both sides, the motion was carried by 22 votes to 19.

Before the meeting broke up, the Chairman (Mr. J. Hunt) complimented the ladies for their able addresses.

COUNTY PRESS.

NORTHLIFFE DEBENTURES LIST CLOSES.

London, Feb. 23.
 The lists of the Northcliffe newspapers issue of £3,000,000 5% per cent debentures at 99 closed this morning.—Reuter.

to local naturalization the powers of revocation which exist in regard to Imperial naturalization. It also provides that any person naturalized locally who leaves the Colony and becomes naturalised in some foreign state shall automatically lose his local British status. This is also taken from the Imperial legislation with regard to Imperial naturalization. I beg to move the first reading.

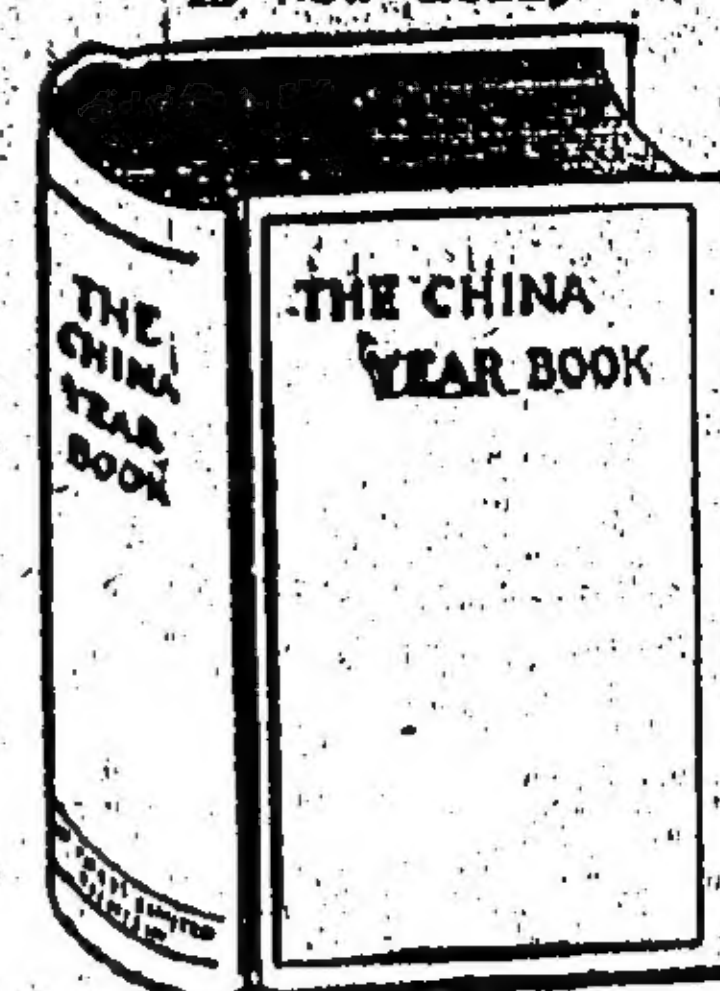
The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Jurors List.

The Jurors List was considered in camera at the end of the meeting.

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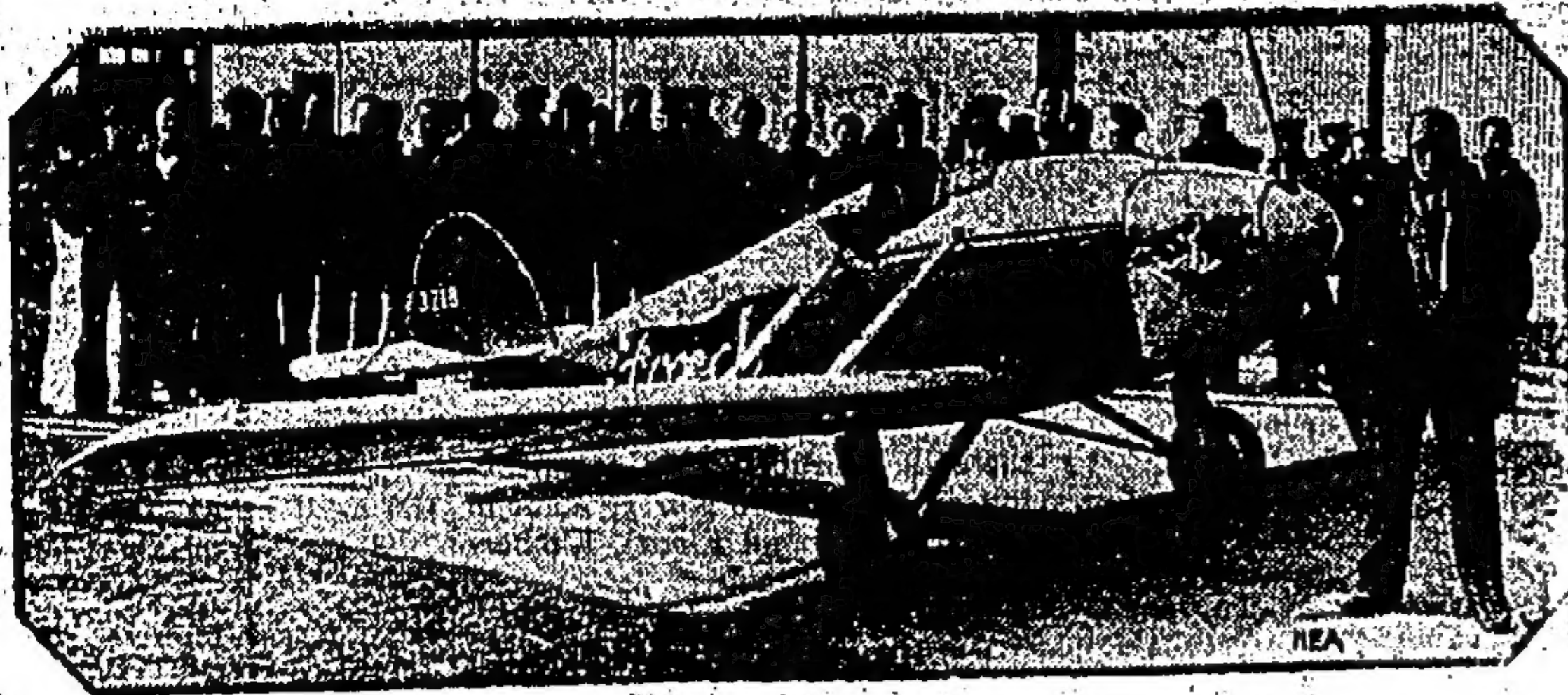
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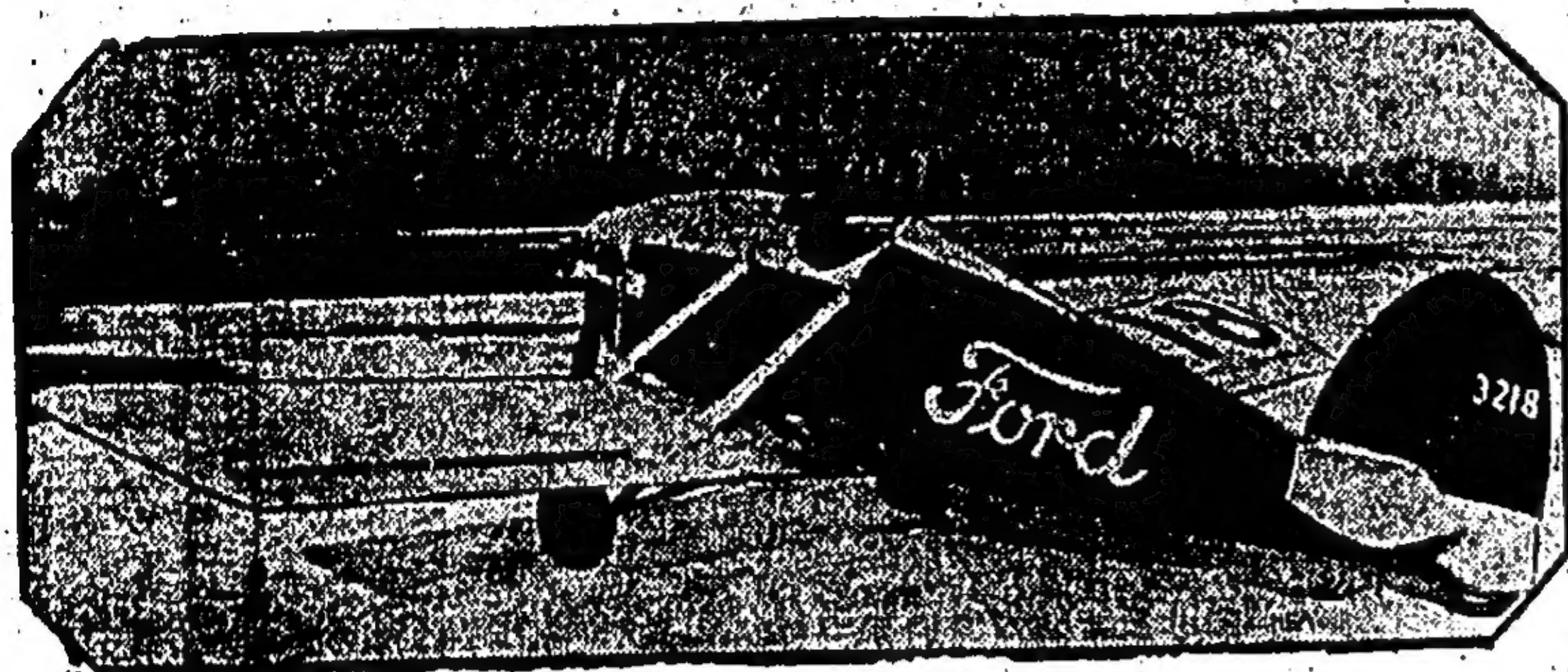




A Mohammedan national convention is being held at Miami shortly, and a minaret has been specially erected. A devout Hadji is seen calling the Faithful.



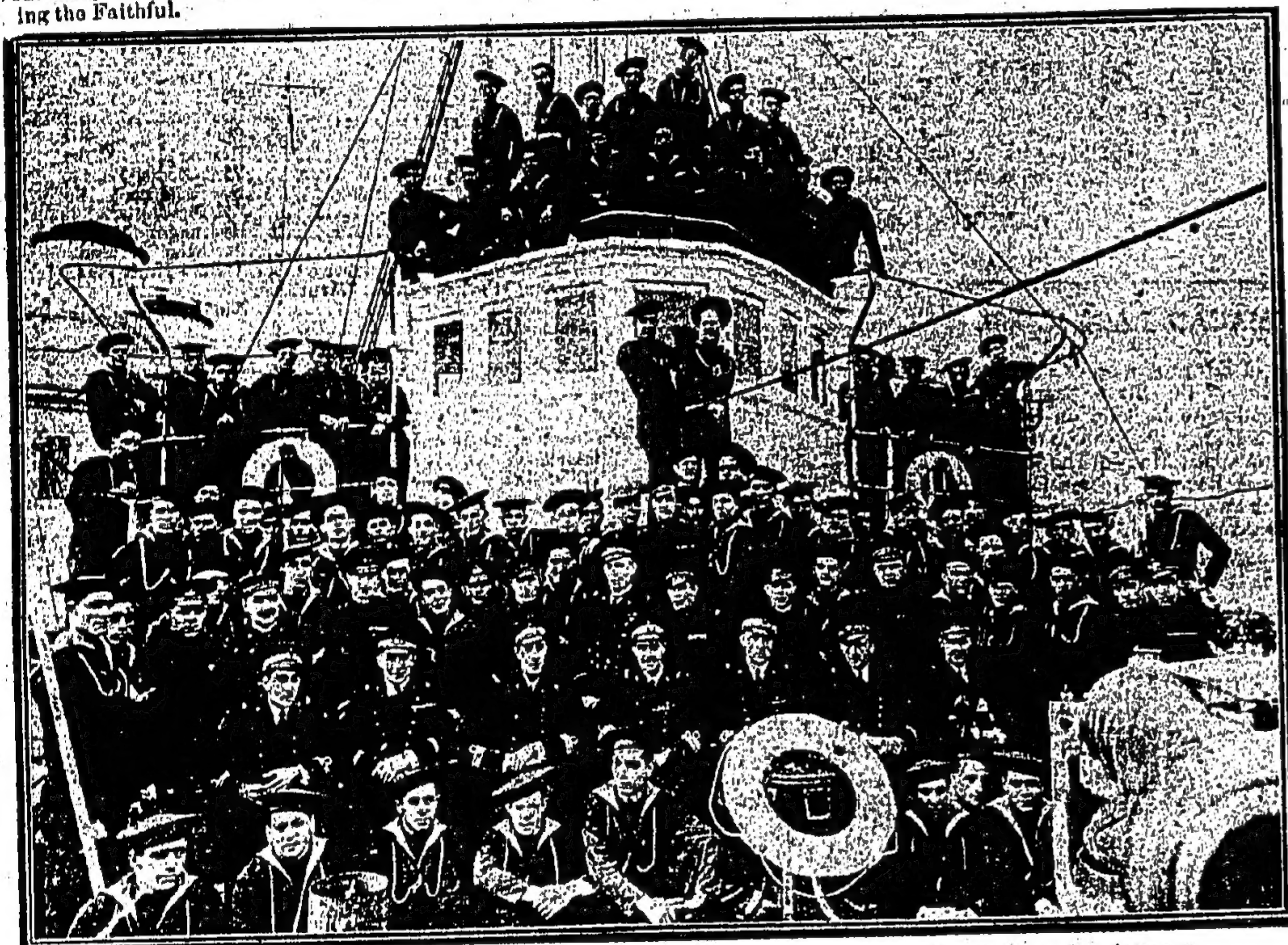
The new Ford "silver" plane is pictured above on its first appearance at Washington. The pilot Harry Brooks is seen on the right.



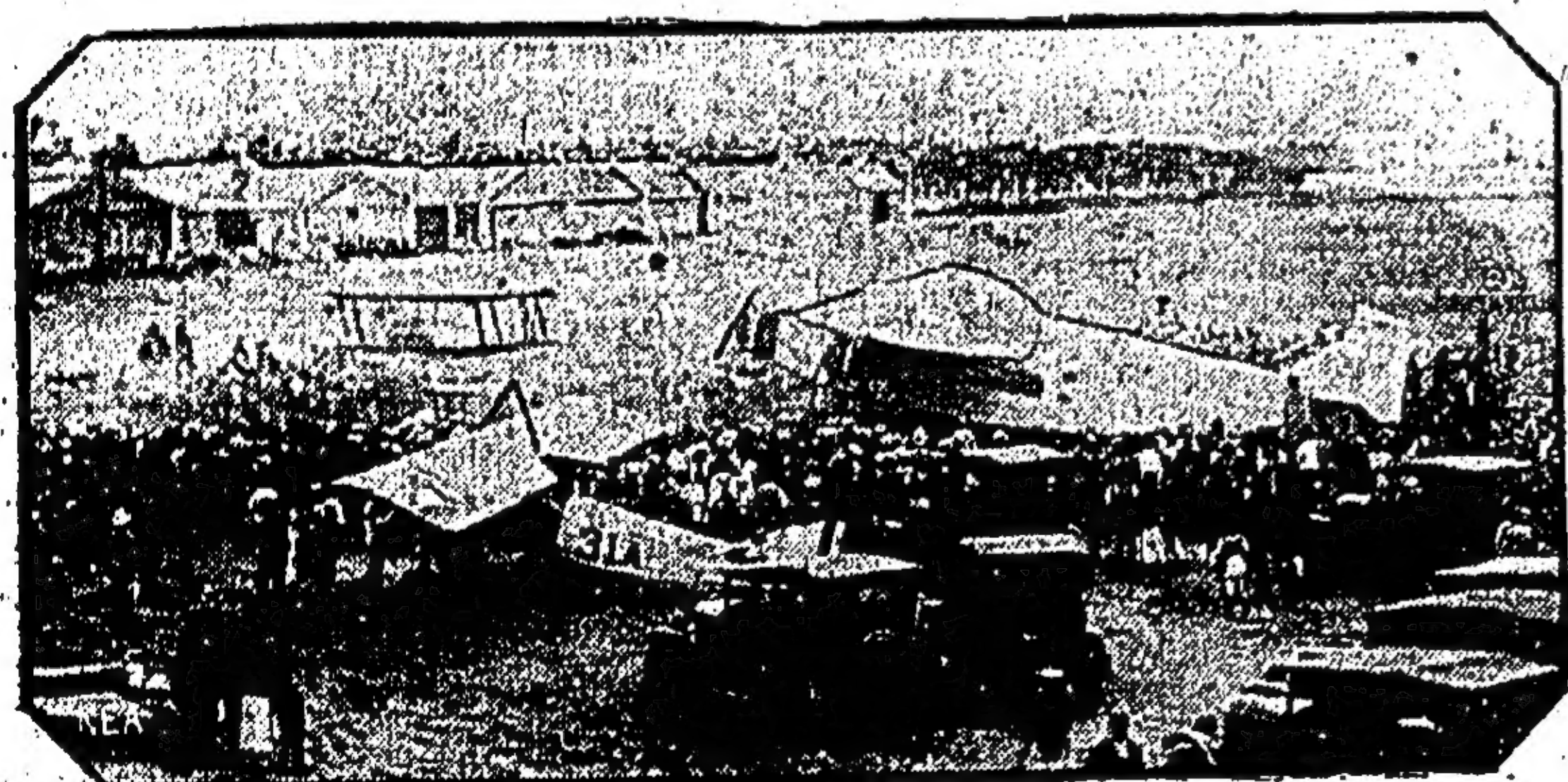
Another view of the Ford aeroplane, with its 20-foot wingspread, 30 h.p. motor, two cylinders, and single passenger compartment.



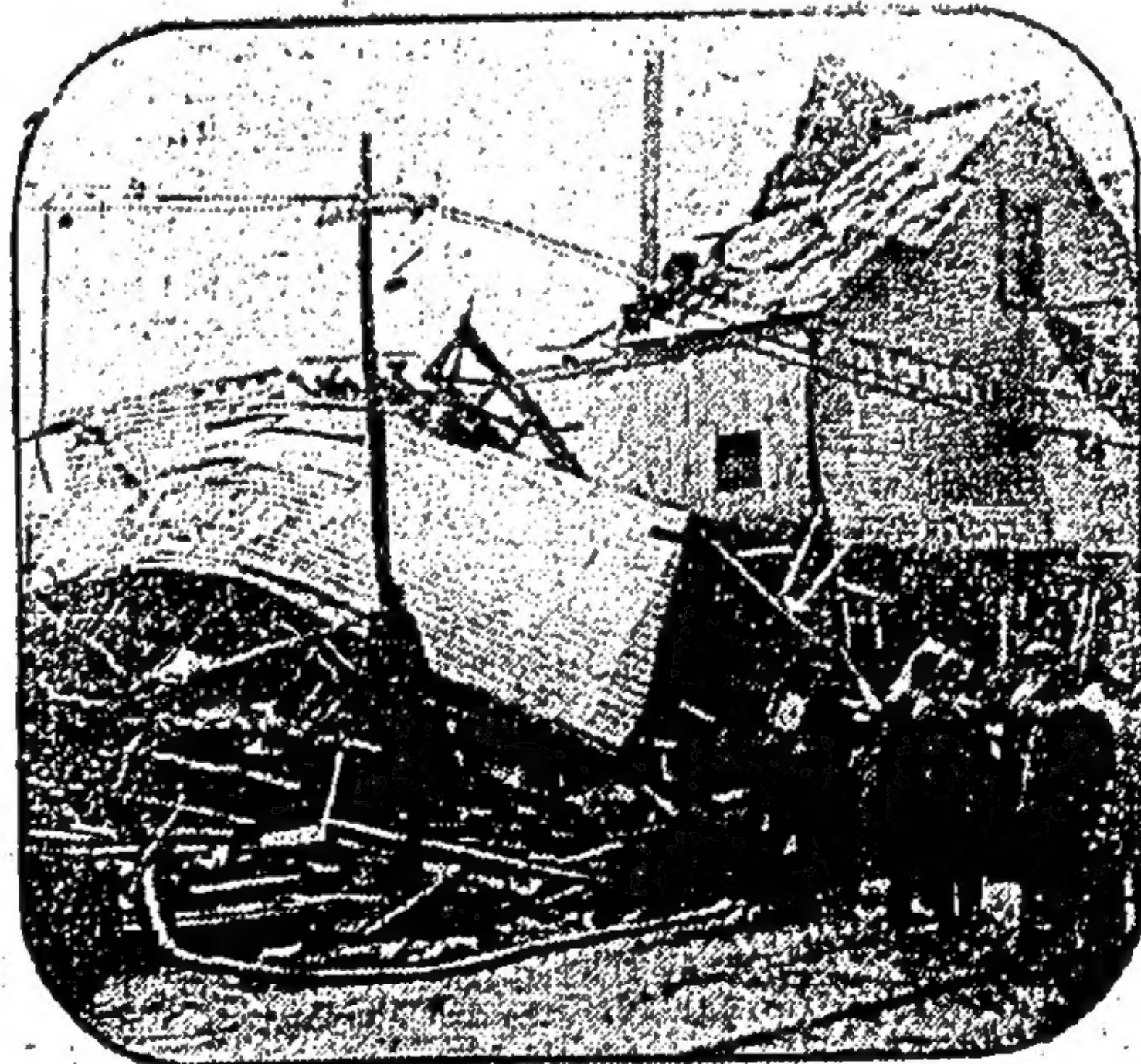
Sir Hall Caine, the famous author, is seen above on a walking expedition in the region of St. Moritz, Switzerland. He is still active in spite of his 70 years.



The Officers and crew of the Italian cruiser, Sebastiano Caboto, which arrived in Hongkong a few days ago.



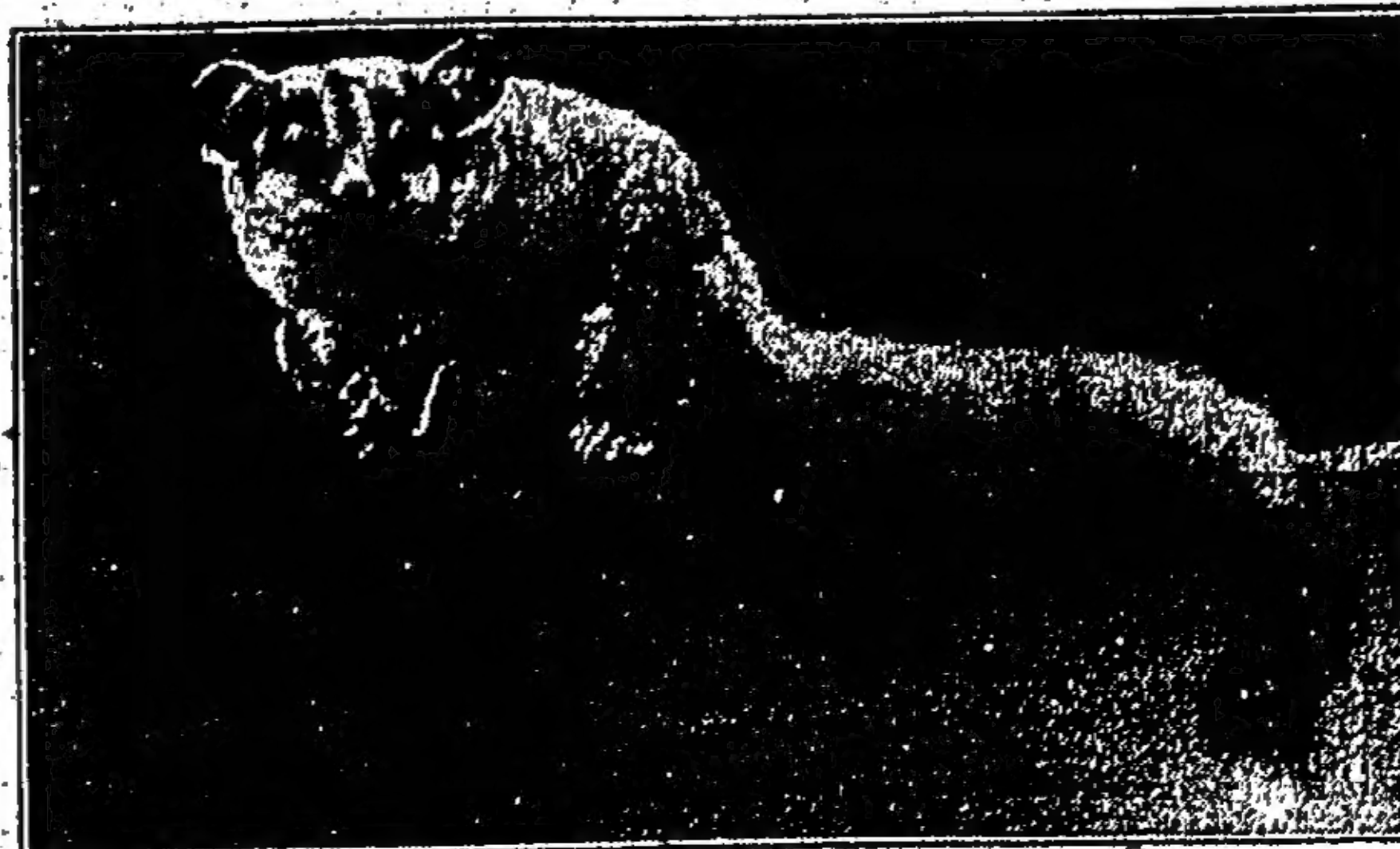
This is a picture of the arrival of Mrs. Lindbergh in Mexico after her more famous son. It was a Ford aeroplane, but not one of the new silver type.



The scene above shows destruction wrought by a tornado at Mill Creek Cincinnati, where one was killed and over a score injured.



The alarming series of fires which broke out in Washington recently, details of which were cabled, were the result of incendiarism. Three flaming buildings are illustrated.



The Flying Squirrel, or phalanger, of New Guinea, a recent London Zoo acquisition. (Times copyright).

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F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1928.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Headquarters Victoria Barracks, Hongkong until 12 o'clock noon on the dates stated, for the under-mentioned services for the periods as stated:—

For one year commencing 1st April, 1928.
Transport Services 12th March, 1928.

For six months commencing 1st April, 1928.
Meat, 8th March, 1928.

Hospital Supplies, 8th March, 1928.

Indian Supplies, 8th March, 1928.

General Supplies “B” 9th March, 1928.

Fuel, 9th March, 1928.

Forage, 9th March, 1928.

Tender forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily, except Sundays.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-ninth Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb. 1928.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1928, to Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th Feb. 1928.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday 25th February, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure; tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday 24th February, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge. Book-makers, Tie Tac men, etcetera, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1928.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Com-

pany will be held at the Office of

the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux

Road, on TUESDAY, 28th Febru-

ary, 1928, at NOON, for the pur-

pose of receiving a Report of the

Directors, together with a State-

ment of Accounts, and electing

Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

WEDNESDAY, 15th February,

to TUESDAY, 28th February,

1928, both days inclusive, during

which period no transfer of shares

can be registered.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of

the Sale by Public Auction

to be held on Monday,

the 27th day of Febru-

ary, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office

of the Public Works Department,

by Order of His Excellency the

Governor of one Lot of Crown

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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Comprising:—

Lumber, Empty Bottles, Rope,

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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MACAO A E CLUB.

Draft programmes and entry forms of the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 11th March, 1928, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hongkong.

Entries will close at 4 p.m. 20th February, 1928.

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21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended February 23rd, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2 1/2d.

It was notified that Mr. H. R. Hancock was authorised to sign for Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., Ltd.

In connection with the suggestion for a new market for Kowloon, it was stated that the non-Chinese population of the peninsula was 2,245, against 895 in 1900.

Agitations in Peking against Mr. Tang Shao-yi, Senior Vice-President of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, were regarded as part of an organised campaign against the reform movement.

Mr. H. E. Sly was appointed Consul for the Two Kwangs, with headquarters at Canton.

The Green Island Cement Co. reported a net profit of \$374,304, and proposed a final dividend of \$1.25, making \$2 for the year.

At the annual Race Meeting, Mr. Buxey's Spring Rose (Mr. Master up) won the Derby, and the same owner's Triumphant Rose (Mr. Dupree up) the Champions.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., reported a profit of \$355,555 on the 1905 account and recommended a dividend of \$40 per share. The 1906 account showed a profit of \$435,236.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS AND DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations on rubber shares:

Quotations.

Allenbya\$1.75
Glenclyny1.75
Jimahs1.65
Kedahs2.90
Malaka Pindas1.55
Pajams1.50
Price of Raw Rubber 1 1/2	

Dividends Declared.

Asam Kumbung, 1/6d. per share (mks. 22 1/2 %).
Austral Malay, 1/- per share (mks. 22 1/2 %).
Mambau, 5% 3rd. Int.

EXCELLENT FILM.

"LOVERS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Patrons of the Queen's Theatre yesterday had a treat when they saw the first screenings of "Lovers," a Metro-Goldwyn picture starring Ramon Novarro and Alice Terry. Based on the play, "The World and His Wife," the story is one of Spanish love and intrigue, and it is extremely well handled. There is fine acting throughout, especially by the leads, and from the standpoint of production the film attains a very high standard. The characters are all true to life, and in this regard the film is a welcome change from the type in which impossible situations are stressed.

"Lovers" is being shown up to and including Saturday, and it can be commended as a picture well worth seeing.

Among the lost property found in London's underground railways during the past year were 20,000 pairs of gloves, 12,000 umbrellas and 5,000 walking sticks.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Hatless Fashion.

FEATHERS WHICH ARE THE SHINGLE.

The highest art of the Parisian milliner at the moment is brought to bear on producing the illusion of a hatless vogue. Her smartest clients appear to be braving all kinds of weather with heads entirely unprotected.

The new fashion marks the apotheosis of the hat fitting which has so revolutionised modern millinery.

Women for several seasons have had their hats not merely made to measure, but actually moulded to their heads.

The black cloth skull caps which were sensational when they appeared were skintight; they were unmistakably hats, however.

The new triumphs of millinery are so devised to give the impression at first glance that their wearers are hatless.

Soft feathers are skilfully worked to a shape and moulded to the head to convey the impression of hair.

The illusion is heightened by other feathers, which sometimes follow the lines of a well-defined and close-cropped shingle or are arranged to give the idea of a fringe.

When natural hair colourings are adopted, the wearer is apparently without a hat.

Brighter colours, such as emerald electric blue, and wine red are even more striking, and suggest the existence of futuristic wigs.

Women who are not disposed to go in for these daring effects are following the new fashion in a modified degree. Their small felt helmets have a novel trimming of feathers, which outline the forehead and the sides of the face.

Courage.

A FANTASTIC THEORY.

Recently, says a writer in a Home paper, I heard reference made to the curious way in which life appears to verify the saying that misfortunes never come singly, and it made me wonder how many people know that those who study such things have an explanation to offer for the strange frequency with which disasters do often follow one another in certain people's lives.

Their theory simply comes to this, that defiance is the weapon with which to meet ill-fortune, and that so long as one has the courage and the strength to laugh in the face of disaster, there is no fear of being overwhelmed by misfortune. But let any poor mortal show a breath in this armour, caused by the suddenness or the sharpness of the blow that has come his way, and the "influences" which bring disaster are quick and inventive in preparing others to follow.

That is the theory. It may be fantastic, but it is worth thinking over; for even if you happen to believe that troubles come not from an evil source, but from a higher power, it has its interesting side. For man's powers can be used as they were meant to be used for the highest ends until he has killed self.

And it may be that only the continued buffeting of fate will release some of us from the tyranny of the things that hold us down.

And so the fact that we can meet troubles with laughter and courage may be not only the sign to evil influences that their work is being thrown away upon a bad subject, but also a sign that our proud spirits have accepted defeat—and conquered.

Simpler Fashions.

MORE DISTINCTLY FEMININE.

Since the beginning of the Twentieth Century, fashions have been growing more simple and more sensible. Yet never, perhaps, have the couturiers designed such delightful garments, and never has woman had greater choice. Frocks, depending for their effect upon their simplicity, dresses trimmed with snake or lizard skin, lace, or embroidery for day wear, neat tailor-made frocks for town or the races, gowns of chiffon, georgette, or twenty other materials for the evening, the dressmakers create them all to-day, and each is "right" for the particular occasion.

Fashions will be more distinctively feminine, too, and the line will remain simple and practical. But the harsh, masculine stamp of

Dog Collars.

NEW FASHION WITH A CANINE MOTIVE.

Buckle and straps that look exactly like dog collars are being used for finishing off evening frocks and daytime jumpers.

Sometimes on jumpers the doggy motive is carried to the utmost extreme by the neck band being of soft suede matching the colouring of the tailored suit. More often, however, ribbon of satin is used, fastened on the right side, with a neat little buckle.

A black moiré ribbon dog collar with a steel buckle was used on a white crepe de Chine jumper worn with a black tailor-made suit, while a scarlet neckband looked extremely well with a grey three-piece suit. In such a case the cuffs matched the



Enter the "neckline" as the proper decoration for the smart throat this spring! Smartest of the smart is the strass torse "neckline" with its slanting links sparkling with brilliants in many sizes. This becoming model is a Parisian creation.

many types of women's sports clothes will be softened.

As to the important point of the modes themselves, the word has already been flung to the four winds, that skirts are growing longer. In some cases, especially where the period frock is concerned, this is certainly so, but women are too fond of the graceful little short skirt to abandon it entirely.

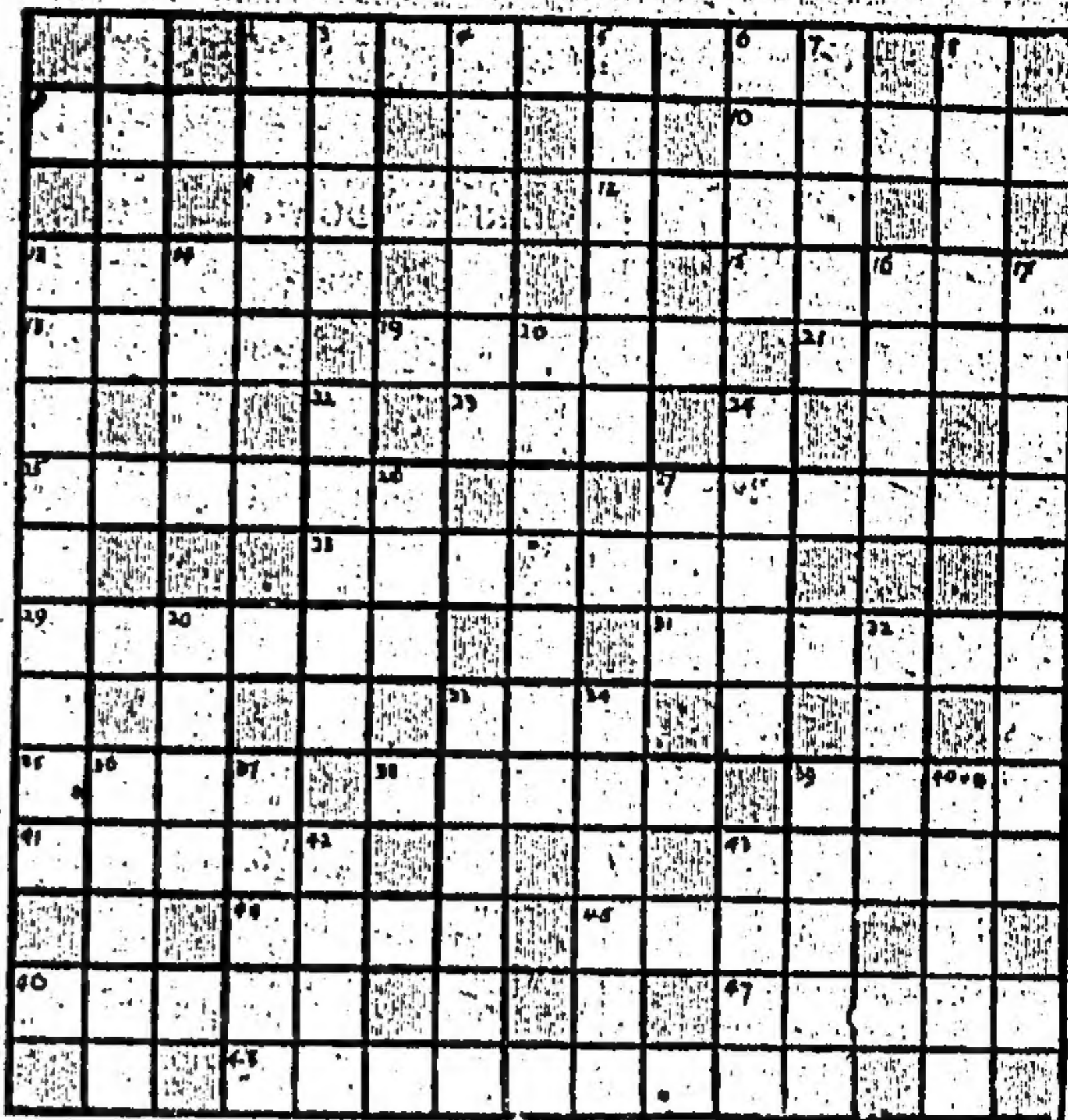
And the waistline is another very important question. This is, as it has been for the past two or three seasons, a moveable affair. Some dresses show the old, normal waistline. In others, the waist is placed a little higher than last season, but there is really no appreciable difference.

collar, and were just long enough to peep out below the coat-sleeve and add another touch of colour.

Dog collar effects are also appearing on some of the newest evening frocks. In this case the collar itself consists of a gold or silver slave necklace to which the dress is suspended by a series of loops. Usually there are four of these loops through which the collar is passed and which act as an original kind of shoulder-strap, the material being gradually sloped off to a point at the shoulder.

A very new idea is for the loops themselves to be of gold or silver thread or some coloured silk cord that, tongs in, with the general colour scheme of the frock.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

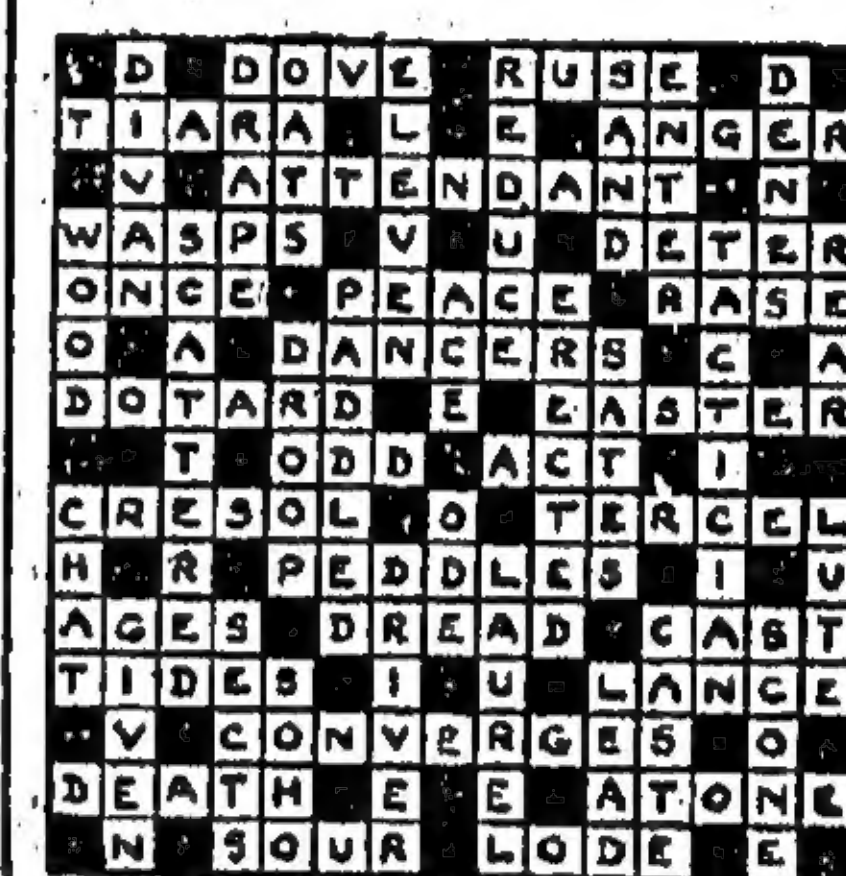
- 2 Attempt.
- 9 The chocolate-tree.
- 10 Sudden coldness.
- 11 Chief.
- 12 Kind of cotton gauze.
- 13 Division of a stable.
- 15 In place of.
- 16 Pronoun.
- 19 To obscure.
- 21 Small tumour on edge of eyelid.
- 22 Common mode of address.
- 25 Household.
- 27 To array.
- 28 Serious.
- 29 Still existing.
- 31 A circuit, as of time.
- 33 Pertaining to it.
- 35 Unhesitating dash.
- 38 Infix.
- 39 Scrutinize.
- 41 Savoury.
- 43 Commence.
- 44 Low sandhill.
- 45 To.
- 46 Droops.
- 47 Line in which two meeting surfaces form an angle.
- 48 Branch of science dealing with mental and physical differences.

Down.

- 1 Belief.
- 2 Sooner than ordinary.
- 3 Christmas carol.
- 4 Painter's stands.
- 5 Proves.
- 6 Large vessels with feet.
- 7 Upstairs.
- 8 The present day.
- 13 Takes sudden flight.

- 14 An age.
- 15 Ladies reticule.
- 17 Retainer.
- 20 Nuts that yield oil.
- 22 An active power.
- 24 River animal prized for its fur.
- 26 Consume.
- 27 Species of viper.
- 30 Snare.
- 32 Ancient Peruvian king.
- 33 Disarm and quarter in some place.
- 34 Result.
- 36 Dish with long handle.
- 37 Dress with a sharp-pointed hammer.
- 40 Tail.
- 42 Potter's earth.
- 43 Boat.
- 48 A hart.

Yesterday's Solution.



MODERN MUSIC.

CONCERT AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

A musicale of modern music was held yesterday afternoon at the Helena May Institute, the programme consisting of piano solos by Mrs. Cashman and songs by Mrs. Clements.

Mrs. Cashman is among the best pianists in the Colony and yesterday held the audience of well over a hundred enraptured by the pieces which she rendered. The music was exquisite and the audience were not slow to show their appreciation. Towards the end of the performance Mrs. Cashman was the recipient of prolonged applause, those present demanding an encore.

Mrs. Clements, whose singing was much enjoyed here a few years ago, came specially from Canton to take part in the concert and it was a treat to listen to her. She too was loudly applauded for her excellent contribution.

Much of the success of the songs by Mrs. Clements depended on the accompanist, and in this connection, no praise is too high for the contribution made by Mrs. Hargreaves Browne who assisted at the piano. The concert consisted of seven piano pieces and six songs and ended all too soon. Such excellent music and songs singing as were enjoyed are indeed rare and music lovers would do well to remember that the next musicale at the Institute will be on March 8.



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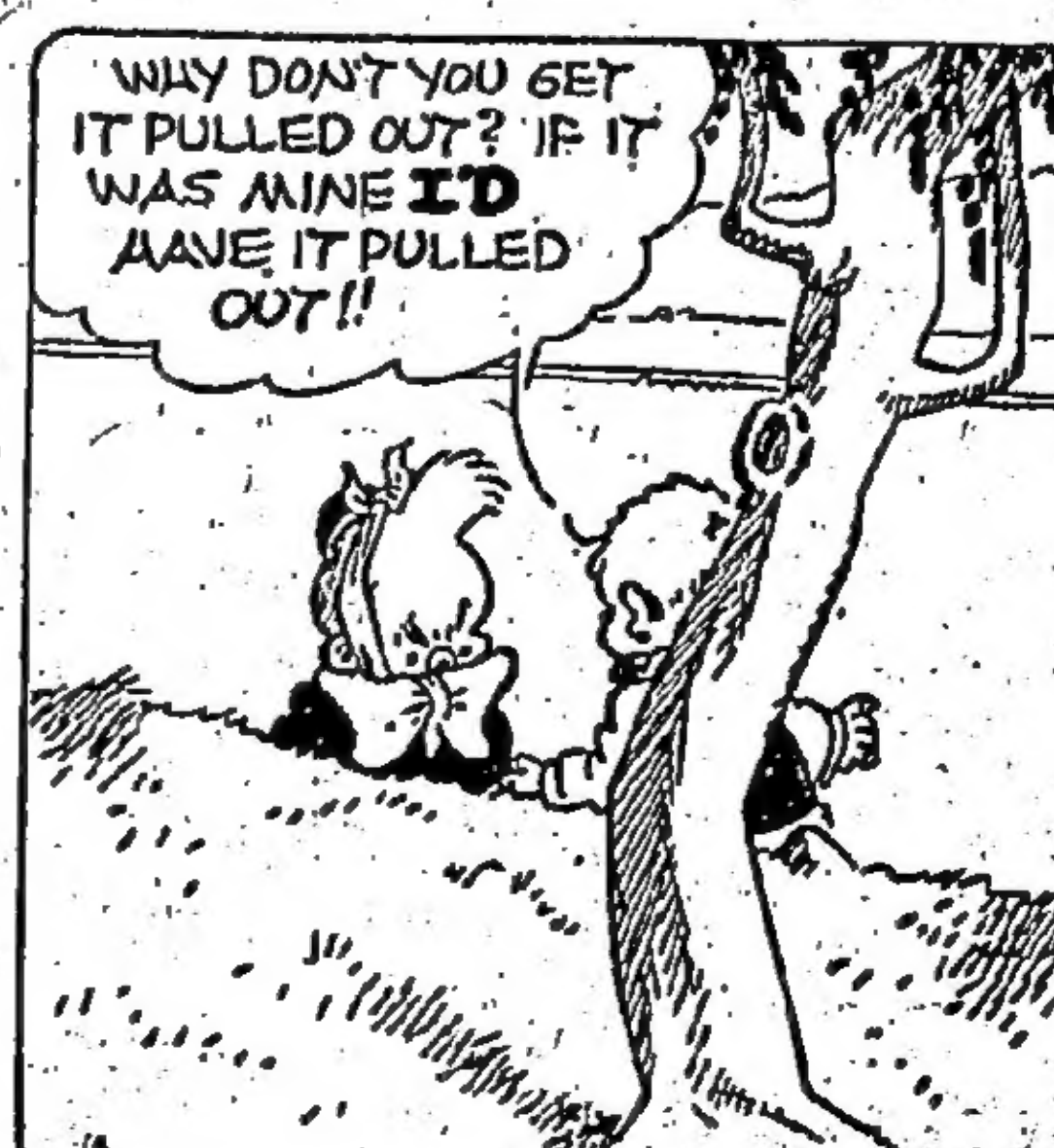
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THE BETTER WAY.

The decision of the Council of State in Delhi to appoint a Commission to participate with the Simon Commission is greatly to be welcomed after the attitude of stubborn opposition shown by Indian political leaders towards having anything to do, in any shape or form, with the investigations to be carried out by Sir John Simon and his colleagues. It demonstrates, at any rate, that even amongst the more advanced politicians there is a realisation of the force of the adage that half a loaf is better than no bread. Sir M. Dadabhai, in moving the resolution in favour of supporting the Commission, was very apt in his remarks when he urged Indians to take what they could get and then fight for more, rather than to throw away a golden opportunity of accelerating reforms by sulking like a lot of schoolboys. Another speaker showed that more was to be gained by contact with the Commission, possibly resulting in influencing the recommendations, than by a policy of holding aloof. Whilst there may be varying opinions as to the wisdom of the non-inclusion of Indians amongst the Commissioners, there can be no doubting either the onerous nature of the task to which the Commissioners have put their hands, or their sincerity in offering their services. After four months of study of administrative problems, the Commission is to return to England and visit India again next year for a seven months' stay, when the work of recording and collating evidence and gathering material to form the basis of their report will begin. When we consider all that this involves, it will be seen that the Commissioners have undertaken a tremendous task, and from various utterances which have been made it is evident that they fully realise their responsibilities and wish to investigate matters in an utterly unbiased manner. It is in India's own interests that the Commission has been appointed, its aim being to see how far reforms can be extended. That being the case, the attitude of unreasoning hostility shown towards it by many leading Indians is all the more to be regretted. India at the moment has reached an important point in her political evolution.

She is nearer self-government today than for many a long year. Her young political leaders are naturally looking to the day when even greater measures of constitutional reform will be granted her, but too many of them appear to overlook the point that in political progress it is best to hasten slowly. Methods of violence only serve, in the long run, to hinder true development.

The late Mr. Gokhale was one of those who, whilst demanding the right of Indians to be given a larger share in the administration of their country, always insisted on a proper discharge of existing opportunities and a thorough fulfilment of responsibilities, as a condition precedent. In a speech at the Indian National Congress in Madras some years ago, he declared: "Let us not go in pursuit of mere idle dreams and neglect the opportunities which the present offers us. None of us wants to be satisfied with things as they are, but first we must prove that we can bear these responsibilities before we ask for more." His words are worthy of remembrance at the present juncture in India's history, for they reflect an outlook which Indians of all shades of political thought would do well to cultivate.

Commercial Aviation in Hongkong.

Enhanced interest would be attached to the announcement that \$1,000,000 has been allocated from Imperial funds as a substantial contribution towards the cost of the Hongkong aerodrome if a little less were left to inference. The public has been assured that the Government has already instituted the development of an aviation base which will be available for commercial purposes. We are aware that a heavily over-subscribed loan was floated in Hongkong, out of which \$1,000,000 was to be devoted to the double purpose of dredging the Harbour bed and sharing in the cost of the Kai Tak base, and Kowloon residents will testify that operations have been commenced under one of these heads. We have also been informed that the British authorities are bearing three-quarters of the cost of the establishment of an air-station in Hongkong, the local Government providing the balance. Briefly stated, the present position is this: the whole of the necessary funds are available, but the full nature of the proposals has not been disclosed. We are entitled to assume that the Home Government is not obliging the British taxpayer to subscribe to a Hongkong "poor-box," and that the presentation of £100,000 is not in the nature of a gratuity for the benefit of commercial flying in this Colony. Rather more safely could it be inferred that the principal significance of the base is its presence as a measure of defence. The local Government appears to be taking a financial interest for the laudable reason that there exists a defect to be remedied, that is to say, using a splendid opportunity of encouraging an interest in Hongkong in commercial flying. The erection of the hangars, of special lights for night flying, of ground marks and signals, and the hundred-and-one things which go to make a safe landing-stage for aircraft in any weather at any time, will we imagine involve the full amount allocated. Commercial participation, it is supposed, will consist of the free use of several hangars and of the facilities of the Imperial air arm. Some contribution to the upkeep may be expected. All that is necessary when the station is complete, is the flotation of a local air service company, the purchase of commercial planes; and services to Canton, Macao, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, and Shanghai, and finally Singapore, (connecting with the Imperial service to England), can be inaugurated. The one consideration, and of course, it is the biggest, is capital. There seems no reason why sufficient capital could not be raised in Hongkong to make these noteworthy schemes possible, if interest can be aroused. Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, the Adjutant of the Kai Tak Aerodrome, created an excellent impression in his lecture before the Chamber of Commerce earlier this week, when he outlined the feasibility of the project, stressed the present safety of flying, particularly in view of the new Handley Page slotted wing, mentioned that 80 to 90 miles an hour could be made to Shanghai in the teeth of a North-easter, and added that if the public could be become "air-minded," a paying load could always be secured. The scheme is essentially practical in its outlook, and if practical consideration is given, adequate support should be forthcoming.

DAY BY DAY.

THE WORLD IS ALWAYS MORE CURIOUS TO HEAR ABOUT VICE THAN VIRTUE.—*Roy Thurman.*

The P. and O. s.s. Kidderpore, from Moji, is due here at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

One Chinese case of small-pox and one Chinese case of typhoid were reported yesterday.

Mr. J. Nilsson, the Bangkok manager of Messrs. Thoresen and Co., Ltd., is on a visit to Hongkong.

The Anking from Singapore and Amoy with 67 deck passengers, reports the death of two males en route from ber-ber.

The mail from Europe dated London January 26, by a.s. Kalyan, consisted of 122 bags and was distributed this morning.

His Excellency the Governor has consented to perform the opening ceremony in connexion with King's College on Monday, March 5.

The Kuelchow after overhaul and rest at Taikoo, will leave dock tomorrow, and will sail for Weihaiwei, Tientsin and Chefoo on Tuesday.

We are asked to remind shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that the Bank's annual meeting takes place to-morrow at noon at the City Hall.

A Chinese butcher who became insane and attempted suicide by cutting his throat in North Street, Kennedy Town, some days ago, is reported to have died in the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Returning home from the Kowloon Docks at 7.30 last night, a Chinese woman, living at No. 56 Chatham Street, was stopped by two Chinese footpads in Dock Street, and was dispossessed of her trinkets, amounting to \$35 in value.

There was an increase of about ten per cent in the value of the Central Bank notes in Canton yesterday, according to Chinese reports. A few days ago, the notes were worth about 30 per cent of their face value, but yesterday they rose to about 45 per cent.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the a.s. Empress of Russia to-day were Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Ferguson, the Misses Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hannibal, Mrs. H. M. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Beith, and Mrs. Bethell, Mr. J. M. McIlhutchon and Mr. A. H. Lay.

Letters of administration have been granted to the Official Administrator, Mr. Hugh A. Nisbet, in the estate of the late Mr. R. A. Black, chief engineer of the a.s. Kocho, who was killed in a piratical attack on the vessel. The local estate amounts to about \$500.

The marriage is to take place at St. John's Cathedral on April 7th of Mr. Cameron de Saillie Robertson, of Hongkong, and Miss Edith Yates Rowlands, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Herbert Rowlands and Mrs. Mildred Rowlands, of Carmarthen, Wales, and Sydney, Australia.

At the Criminal Sessions, yesterday afternoon, the case was concluded in which Chan Wai-po was charged with robbing the master of a fishing junk of money and clothing. Prisoner made a complete denial of the allegation and pleaded an alibi. He was found not guilty and acquitted.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 19 departures of which 11 and nine respectively were British, leaving 70 vessels in harbour, British 23. Tonnage was fairly high, with British inward cargoes reaching a top registry for the week. Of the best cargoes of the day, three were British.

The Consul-General for Panama, Senor Roberto A. Allarino, has reported to the police that an accident to the left back tyre of his car caused the vehicle to swerve while he was driving in Salisbury Road yesterday. The car ran into a lamp-post at the Hankow Road corner and knocked it down. Mr. Allarino was unhurt.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. T. Hole, Li Kam, mistress of a passenger boat of Hongkong, was charged with a breach of the conditions of her license, by carrying cargo, to wit, 10 baskets of rice, two baskets of fish and two baskets of vegetables. Pleading guilty, she was fined \$3 with the alternative of three days imprisonment.

BRITISH MINISTER AT MACAO.

VISIT WHICH WAS MUCH
APPRECIATED.

Macao, Feb. 22.
Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, arrived here on board H.M.S. Tarantula to-day, landing at noon. He was received at the pier of the Outer Harbour by His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, high civil and military officials, members of the Government and the Municipal Councils and many prominent citizens of the Colony. There were also many people lining the road leading to the landing stage, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. A seaplane of the Macao Air Corps, piloted by Lieut. Cabral, hovered over the city as the distinguished visitor landed.

As Sir Miles Lampson set foot on Portuguese soil, the Gula Fort boomed out a salute and the constabulary Band struck up "God Save the King," followed by the Portuguese National Anthem. His Excellency the Governor introduced the Minister to many of those who assembled at the pier, and after inspecting the Guard of Honour the distinguished visitor drove around the Colony with H.E. the Governor and their respective parties and thence to Government House, where the Minister and the party were entertained at an informal luncheon.

At four o'clock, Sir Miles Lampson, accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, visited the Camoens Grotto, where he laid on the base of the monument a fine bronze wreath bearing the inscription: "A tribute of admiration to Luiz de Camoens from British Residents in China, 1928." Sir Miles then delivered a brief tribute to Camoens and referred to the friendly relations existing between Britain and Portugal. In reply H.E. the Governor of Macao also spoke of Anglo-Portuguese friendship and expressed the appreciation of the Portuguese for the tribute paid to their national bard. There was a large and distinguished attendance of people present to witness the ceremony.

Sir Miles Lampson then paid a visit to the Protestant Cemetery and the party later repaired to Government House, where the Minister met the members of the British community.

At 5 o'clock, the distinguished visitor was entertained to tea at the Riviera Hotel, by the Chinese community.

A busy day closed with a banquet at Government House given in honour of the British Minister. The reception which Macao accorded to Sir Miles Lampson was very cordial and enthusiastic, and the visit which has been favourably commented on in this Colony will long be remembered by residents generally.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

APPEARING IN TO-MORROW'S
"TELEGRAPH."

The pictures appearing in to-morrow's Telegraph will be found to be of much interest, dealing, as they do, with various local happenings during the past week.

The official landing in Hongkong of Sir Miles Lampson will be shown in three excellent pictures, whilst the "Off Day" at the Races will be illustrated by O-Moon winning the Tytam Handicap "A" Class and by the leading in of Boxing Eve, ridden by Mr. "Billy" Hill, after winning the Hongkong Handicap "A" Class.

Other pictures cover the closing day at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday and there will also be a group of the Club de Recreio and Macao students' hockey teams, and another taken at the wedding of Mr. W. R. Andrews and Miss Jessie Wynne.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 23.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.33
Berlin	20.44
Oalo	18.32
Helsingfors	103.7
Athens	309
Buenos Aires	47.20/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
New York	12.12 1/2
Amsterdam	18.17
Stockholm	34.02 1/2
Vienna	28.79
Madrid	79.54
Bombay	1/5 1/2 1/8
Yokohama	1/11 1/2 1/8
Brussels	35.03
Osaka	92.10
Milan	16.20
Copenhagen	16.49
Prague	2.19/64
Lisbon	5.59/64
Rio	2/6 3/8 1/4
Shanghai	2.04
Silver (spot)	25.5/16
Silver (forward)	25.5/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

An American tourist was waiting for a train at an English station when his curiosity was aroused by a company of soldiers forming into line along the platform and standing smartly at attention.

Soon an engine drawing one coach rushed through the station at sixty miles an hour. The sergeant then marched the company off. Wondering somewhat, the traveller buttonholed one of the soldiers named Murphy.

"Say, was there some eminent person travelling by that train?" he asked.

"There was," replied Murphy. "Did you see that fellow hanging out of the window with the notebook in his hand? It was the battalion tailor measuring us for our new uniform."

For the first time for 10 years a cargo of live West Indian turtles has been received at the London factory, famous for its soups and sauces it makes. It is from the West Indies that the best turtles come, and this latest shipment is big enough, an export told a London Daily Chronicle representative recently to "keep the price of a quart of soup a long way below the guinea of old days. The ordinary citizen may now give himself an occasional treat."

At Edinburgh Police Court recently a young, respectable dressed woman, named Josephine Duncan Moore or McKenna, whose address was given as 149 West Fort, admitted a charge of having on December 29, in a baker's shop in Princes Street, obtained a tin of shortbread and two cakes without intending to pay for them. A previous conviction was libelled.

The Prosecutor said the woman went into the shop and said she had been sent by a customer to get the shortbread and cakes, and induced the assistant to supply the goods, which were valued at £1. 0s. 9d.

Asked if she had anything to say, the woman said that she wanted them for her baby, which was in a Glasgow poorhouse.

The Magistrate (Bailie Allan)—That's not the usual food for a baby.

A fine of £3, with the alternative of 20 days' imprisonment, was imposed.

Who can tell why a woman says anything?—Mr. Justice Swift.

Authors, as a rule, are a poor, down-trodden lot.—Mr. W. B. Maxwell.

I believe England is the finest country in the world.—Sir Granville Ryrie.

I have never known Mr. Baldwin to quarrel, even with his wife.—Mrs. Baldwin.

High rates are more crippling to industry to-day than taxes.—Sir Kingsley Wood.

Avoid magic cures and short cuts in dealing with the dreadful diseases of cancer.—Lord Dawson of Penn.

The "Old Snuff House," in the Hay market, London, well known to visitors, with its pot-bellied windows filled with quaint jars and bottles, affords one of the most perfect examples extant of an early 18th century London shop. Established in 1720 by one, Peter Frieburg, it had amongst its customers George III. and George IV. and you can, if you are so minded, purchase there to-day an ounce of the "King's Morning Mixture," as supplied to the last-named monarch. Queen Charlotte, too, bought here her weekly allowance of "best rapeseed snuff" for 19 pence; and the Princess Charlotte and Elizabeth, amongst other royalties, were also regular customers. In view of present-day rentals it is interesting to learn that old Peter Frieburg paid £22 rent and £2/11/4 rates.

Soon after Mr. Tim Healy's appointment as Governor-General of the Irish Free State, postage stamps were issued bearing a map of Ireland as a design.

An old Irishwoman, one of "Tim's" many admirers, scrutinised the new issue closely, and with obvious disgust.

"Behold," said she at last, "tis a poor thing they'll be giving us, and not like our Tim at all, at all."

An amusing incident once occurred at a church choir outing. The party stopped at a small village for lunch, and one of the party said he knew the reigning constable, so they called to see the village "lock-up."

The constable was out, but his wife invited them into the station. The humorist of the party tied a pair of handcuffs, and quickly slipped them on his wrists for a bit of fun. He got it.

"Mercy, what have you done?" exclaimed the woman.

"Oh, that's all right," said the man. "Give me the key and I'll soon take them off."

"But my husband has the key, he will not be back till late in the evening."

STUDENT'S RADIO CRAZE.**LEADS TO THEFT OF G.E.C. FITTINGS.****LET OFF WITH FINE.**

That the defendant had an irresistible fondness for radio fittings, and that he committed the thefts for the purpose of gratifying his thirst for knowledge, was the plea submitted by Mr. Horace Lo this morning, at the Police Court, when a student of Queen's College was charged with the theft of electrical fittings from the showrooms of the General Electric Company at Queen's Building.

The Director of Criminal Investigation, Mr. T. H. King, who was prosecuting in the case before Major Wilson said he was appearing in the case in which a young student was charged with larceny of a quantity of electrical fittings from the premises of the General Electric Company in Queen's Building. Mr. King added: "Mr. Lo is representing him and he has just informed me that he proposes to plead guilty."

Shoplifting Habit.

"The facts are that, during the last two or three months various fittings have been missed from the premises of the General Electric Company and, during that period, the defendant, who is a student of Queen's College, has been in and out of the premises of the Company making purchases and inspecting various wireless apparatus."

"It appears to have been his system to purchase a certain quantity of goods and, when unobserved, to shoplift other properties from the premises, which he took away at various times in a small basket or deutch case."

He has purchased altogether articles to the value of \$100 or over, and the value of these things which he stole is between \$300 to \$400. He has been in and out of the premises fifteen or twenty times and he went in and out without suspicion of any kind."

"Two days ago, he visited the premises in the morning to inspect certain articles. He did not purchase anything, but in the afternoon certain parts, which had just arrived from England, were missed from the premises and the police obtained a warrant to search the defendant's house, where the whole of the stolen articles were found."

Good Character.

"I am instructed," said Mr. King, "that the Company does not wish to press the case, if your Worship would make an order for the restitution of these properties to them. In the circumstances, the police do not press the case. The boy is a student of Class 1 in Queen's College and the Headmaster has given him a good character. I understand he is a scholar-ship holder. The Headmaster yesterday saw me about him and he gave the boy a very good character. The only aggravating thing about it is that he has done it on so many occasions that he is now before your Worship."

Mr. King, in answer to his Worship, said the articles had been missed since January 18th and the police had been notified before, but the defendant was not suspected. Speaking of the defendant, Mr. King said he had been in Queen's College since 1923, and that his father was in the employ of the Chinese Government, and defendant was living in his uncle's house in Hongkong.

Defendant An Inventor.

Asked by his Worship whether he would like to say anything, Mr. Lo said: "I am instructed to plead guilty in this case. From what has fallen from the lips of Mr. King, it is not incumbent on me to say anything more. The defendant has shown great brilliancy in the field of invention, and, in fact, has made certain discoveries which, according to the experts in that line, are very useful and good. I am instructed that the defendant has a sort of irresistible feeling for taking these things—in an irresponsible sort of way—like some of the geniuses. He has a good allowance from his parents and he really did not take these things from any need or want."

Major Wilson: "You are not suggesting that he borrowed them?"

Mr. Lo: "No, but I ask your Worship to treat him leniently and impose a fine."

Fine Imposed.

The police stated that the defendant had previously had a clean record.

His Worship: "The case can be met by a fine. Defendant is fined \$50."

An order for the restitution of the property to the General Electric Company was also made by his Worship.

EXTRADITION CASE CONCLUDES.**TWO FUGITIVES TO AWAIT H. E.'S PLEASURE.****COMMITTED TO GAOL.**

Extradition proceedings against the two Chinese who are wanted in Canton for an alleged attempt to murder the chief of the Man Tuen (People's Volunteer Corps), of Song Un village, in the Tung Koon district, were concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, when his Worship committed the two men to Victoria Gaol for fifteen days, pending the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor. In doing so, the Magistrate remarked that during the fifteen days, if the fugitives so desired, they could appeal for a further hearing in the Supreme Court.

Evidence for the defence was called by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Son Killed.

An old woman stated that, consequent upon her son refusing to pay heavy taxation imposed by one Chan Tai-nui, who was present in Court, her son was killed by Chan. The second fugitive, said this witness, was Commandant of the village corps for some time. The tax levied by the second fugitive during his term of office was five measures of grain (costing 30 cents) for every acre of arable land, whereas the tax imposed by Chan Tai-nui was \$5 per acre.

Another witness gave evidence of the drastic penalty said to have been meted out by Chan Tai-nui to those who refused to pay his taxation. Witness was one of those who refused and he had to flee the country because of his attitude.

Unjust Taxation.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Russ, addressing his Worship, argued that the offence was a political one and said that it was a case of peasants resisting unjust taxation imposed by someone who had no right to be there. Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the raid on the village in which people who refused the taxation of the new commandant took place in August, whereas the defendants' alleged crime took place in June. He decided that the defendants had a case to answer.

JAPAN ELECTIONS.**MAJOR PARTIES ALMOST LEVEL.**

Tokyo, Feb. 22.

Analysing the elections, the leading business men point out that the country clearly failed to express whether it desires the leadership of Tanaka or Hamaguchi and fear the result means a continuance of political uncertainty. It is considered that the Minseito party has done remarkably well.

Supporters of the proletarian parties are disappointed though they point out that their candidates secured a surprisingly large number of votes in the cities. Their failure in the country districts is ascribed to the fact that the peasantry have not yet been educated in the tenets of Radicalism. The newly-elected proletarian members of the Diet refuse opinions concerning financial problems, but unanimously clamoured for relief of unemployment.—*Reuter.*

The Later Standings.

Tokyo, Later.

The latest returns in the general election give the following results:

Seyukai,	214.
Minseito,	210.
Independents,	14.
Proletarians,	8.
Businessmen,	4.
Reform Party,	4.

There are twelve returns outstanding. The final results are expected to be available this evening.—*Reuter.*

The Final Returns.

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

The Home Office official election figures show that the Seyukai have won 215 seats and the Minseito 212. The Independents have won 16, the Proletarians eight, the Businessmen's Party four and the Reform Party three.

This completes the total with the exception of eight seats for the Lochoo Islands, the returns for which have not yet been received. The Home Office does not expect any important change in the foregoing figures.

The Independents and Proletarians are now being wooed by both major parties for the control of the Diet which will probably meet in special session in March.—*Reuter.*

An old English couple dwell undisturbed in a completely furnished rent-free house which, 20 years ago, the owner vacated because of the appearance of a "ghost."

LABOUR UNION CONTROL.**OUTLINE OF CANTON'S POLICY.****NEARLY THREE HUNDRED UNIONS SHUT DOWN.****GOVERNMENT SCHEME**

In connexion with the policy of the Canton Government in taking drastic measures against the Labour Unions, it is estimated that about 270 Unions have been dissolved recently and that of 350 Unions formerly in Canton, only about sixty now remain open.

The action of the Government in checking the activities of extremists in the labour movement has caused much speculation among the people, who are wondering what step the authorities will next take in dealing with organised labour.

Labour Commissioner's Views.

Two days ago, when interviewed by the Press, Mr. Ma Chiu-chun, the Labour Commissioner of the Canton Government, declared that the closing up by the Government of so many Labour Unions was primarily due to the fact that it was revealed, immediately after the December "Red" insurrection, that large numbers of the Unions were under the Communist influence.

Continuing, the Labour Commissioner asserted: "On the other hand, the Government is fully aware that if the mass of labourers be deprived of their Unions they may easily become the tools of Communists. The labourers will in fact, soon be given back their Unions, but these Unions will have to be re-organised and be placed under the control of the Government, which will see to it that only men who have received a good education and who have been properly trained in labour schools, such as the Government will inaugurate for this purpose, will be allowed to become leaders of the Unions."

Government Control.

"Another lesson which the Communist coup in December taught the Canton Government," said the Commissioner, "is that the activities of the Reds have generally been started first by the head Unions. When these head Unions are all closed down, the Government will form one big Union, which will be under its supervision," added the Commissioner.

It should be explained that in Canton there were until recently a few big head Unions, which acted as general Unions to smaller organisations and sometimes had under its control as many as fifty small Unions.

Labour Schools.

The Commissioner further stated that the Labour Board in Canton has already obtained the consent of General Li Chai-sum to open Labour Schools, the main purpose of which will be to train men to become leaders of the Unions by instructing them in a correct appreciation of the principles of the Kuomintang Party.

These Labour Schools will be formally opened in about a month's time and after some time, when Kwangtung is more settled, industrial institutes may also be opened by the Government, concluded Mr. Ma Chiu-chun.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.**TWO COMPETITORS SHARE THE PRIZE.**

Readers taking part in our Football Forecast Competition last week found considerable difficulty in predicting correct results. Nine was the highest number correctly forecast, two competitors succeeding to this extent. They were:

W. C. Pearl,

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W. A. G. Chan,

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The coupon for the current week appears on another page. All forecasts must reach this office not later than noon to-morrow.

"RED" PRESIDENT.**THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF MONGOLIA.**

Moscow, Feb. 23.

A message from Ulanbator says that M. Amor has been elected President of the Soviet Republic of Mongolia, in succession to the late M. Zerenbordchi, whose assistant he was.—*Reuter.*

AMOY SHIPPING AFFAIR.**THE "EDMORE" LEAVES AFTER HOLD-UP.****U.S. DESTROYER'S VISIT**

It is learned from Amoy that the American s.s. Edmore, which has been held up there for some days, sailed for Hongkong yesterday afternoon and, therefore, should arrive in Hongkong some time this evening.

The hold-up of the vessel was carried out by the local Labour Unions, consequent, it is stated, upon the shooting of a sampan man whom, it is alleged, was pilfering cargo.

It appears that while the vessel was discharging cargo, the Chief Officer observed a sampan man, away from the ship with three sacks of flour, which appeared to be part of the cargo then being discharged. After warning shots, the chief officer fired for a third time, and one bullet entered the leg of the master of the sampan, while the other ricocheted and struck the master of another adjacent sampan in the stomach, the man subsequently dying.

As a result of the affair, the Unions at Amoy called a boycott of the Edmore and discharge was not completed for some days. Demands were made by the Unions acting through the authorities and the Customs, for compensation for the dead and wounded.

Consular action was taken, and it is understood that an American destroyer arrived in Amoy yesterday forenoon. Although no official announcement has been made with regard to the affair, it is significant that the Edmore sailed within a few hours of the warship's arrival.

Mr. T. B. Wilson, of the Dollar and associated lines, is leaving for Amoy this afternoon, as, notwithstanding the release of the Edmore the s.s. Cupram is due at that port on Monday and it is feared possible that the Labour Unions will be taking further action.

BIG HARBOUR THEFT RECALLED.**ABSCONDING LAUNCH ENGINEER CHARGED.**

The somewhat sensational robbery committed on board the steam launch Wo Fat Shing, whilst on her way to the s.s. Prominent in the Harbour on the evening of October 12th, last year, had yet another sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the engineer of the launch, who had absconded immediately after the affair, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield on three counts arising out of the robbery.

The defendant was charged with being an accessory before the fact by counselling the commitment of the crime; with harbouring three of the victims in a motor car and taking them away from the scene of the crime; and with conspiracy, with others, to steal gold ingots to the value of \$32,000, the property of the Wo Fat Shing firm.

It will be remembered that the launch Wo Fat Shing was on its way to the s.s. Prominent shortly after 6 p.m. on October 12th, when, it is alleged, certain members of the crew, in collaboration with passengers, whom they had allowed to make use of the launch, held up the Company's employees and later beached the boat at North Point, before decamping in a motor car which was waiting in readiness.

At the December Sessions, one man who was convicted of participation in the robbery was sentenced to a term of three years' imprisonment.

In applying for a remand for a week, Sub-Inspector Doring intimated that the engineer was arrested in Canton and sent back to Hongkong on Wednesday last.

His Worship fixed next Friday afternoon for the hearing of the case.

CANTON & NANKING.**FEAR OF A SPLIT NOW LESSENED.**

The threat of a split between the Two Kwangs and Nanking has relaxed considerably, according to a Canton report.

Two days ago, at a meeting of all the high officials of the Canton Government, at which Generals Li Chai-sum and Chan Ming-shih, Admiral Chan Chat and Mr. Wu Tchen were present, it was decided to send a telegram to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking informing him that he would have the most faithful support of the Two Kwangs if he would endeavour to do his best in carrying on with the Northern Expedition against Chang Tao-lin.

However, the antagonistic attitude of the Canton Government towards the Left members of the Kuomintang in Nanking is still unyielding.

ESTATE COMPANY MEETING.**BETTER DEMAND FOR LANDED PROPERTY.****PREFERENCE ISSUE.**

The fourth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Territorial Estates, Limited, was held in St. George's Building this morning under the chairmanship of Mr. R. G. Shewan. Other Directors present were Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. E. M. Raymond, with the Secretary, Mr. A. Braun. Shareholders present were Messrs. A. A. Botelho, H. Dreyer, A. Keith, J. Toppin, A. L. Shields and W. Adamson.

Less Depression.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen.—The report and accounts have been in your hands for the required period, so with your permission I will now take them as read."

The depression in business, which ruled when I addressed you this time last year, has given way to a small but definite improvement in the demand for landed property in the Colony, and this improvement is reflected in the accounts laid before you, which show a loss of \$147,254.02 for 1927, as compared with \$217,312.00 for 1926.

Our houses at Kennedy Town are practically all let, although the rents give but a very poor return. St. George's Building shows a glad return on its cost, and I am glad to say that there is at the present moment a good demand for storage accommodation on our property at Taumtahi, but as I told you last year, the land cannot be made profitable unless it is developed by further capital.

Preference Shares Issued.

Referring to the balance sheet you will notice that loans on mortgage have been reduced to \$2,937,500 by paying off the mortgage of \$616,600 on the Kennedy Town property, and to enable us to do this and to meet payments of interest in mortgages, 73,334 seven per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares were issued, bringing the total preferred capital up to \$1,438,340.

"Capital Interest—Suspense Account," which was merely a cross-entry, has been deleted.

The total loss to 31st December last now stands at \$749,646.21, and it is quite evident that the company cannot have any hope of paying dividends until the present load of interest is removed, or at least greatly reduced, and your directors are now considering how that can best be done.

I now propose that the report and accounts to 31st December, 1927, as presented be adopted and passed, and that the balance at debit of Profit and Loss Account of \$749,646.21 be carried to New Account. When this has been seconded, I shall be ready to answer any questions by shareholders.

This was seconded by Mr. T. G. Weall and was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. A. A. Botelho, seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, T. G. Weall, and E. M. Raymond were re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. A. Keith proposed and Mr. J. Toppin seconded that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each per annum.

The proposition was carried.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. Where is an attempt being made to extinguish a volcano by dumping thousands of tons of earth into its crater?
2. What is cinchona bark, of which supplies have just been sent to England?
3. What colossal work has just been begun by the Meteorological Office?
4. Where does a roving fisherman's cottage still survive in London?
5. What famous cathedral bell has just had to be silenced, and why?
6. In what edition of the Bible are there 6,000 misprints?
7. What is the total amount of interest alone which Britain will have to pay on war debt before it is liquidated?
8. Where has a domestic servant been elected a town councillor?
9. What prominent statesman always carries two raw potatoes in his pocket?
10. Has any member of the public the right to take gold to the Mint and have it coined into sovereigns?
11. What was the last coinage of sovereigns in London, and how many were struck?
12. What is the resident population of the City of London?

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INTERNATIONAL FINAL.

CHINA'S PROSPECTS
V. SCOTLAND.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

[By "Wanderer."]

The final of the International Charity Cup Competition, for which Scotland and China have qualified, is to be played to-morrow on the Club ground, constituting the principal fixture of the day.

Kowloon and the R.A.F. entertain the Recreation and the Police respectively in Senior League matches, while there are five fixtures in the junior divisions.

The draw for the semi-final of the Shield Competition was made on Wednesday evening, after the somewhat surprising victory of the Police against the Queen's. Things will not be definitely settled until the K.O.S.B. meet the Club, the match having been arranged for Tuesday evening next. It seems probable that the K.O.S.B. will qualify for the semi-final, in the event of which their opponents will be Kowloon. Although strictly the semi-final, this will be regarded generally as the virtual final of the competition, for whichever proves the victor should experience little difficulty in winning against either the Police or the R.A.

The draw for the semi-final of the Junior Shield Competition was incorrectly published in the local papers yesterday. The correct draw is as follows:

Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon.—Club ground.
K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's.—Kowloon.

To-morrow's Fixtures.

The fixture list for to-morrow, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

Charity Cup Final.

Scotland v. China.—Club, 4 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin, referee; Messrs. Smith and Barber, linesmen.

Senior League.

Kowloon v. Recreation.—Kowloon, 4.15.—Mr. Gilbert.
R.A.F. v. Police.—U.S.R.C., 4.15.—Mr. Stokes.

Junior Division "A"

Chinese Ath. v. St. Joseph's.—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Mackie.
R.A. v. Recreation.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.—Mr. Proaley.
K.O.S.B. v. Club.—St. Joseph's, 2.45.—Mr. Lamb.
S. China "A" v. S. China "B".—S. China, 2.45.—Mr. Hutchins.

Junior Division "B"

Kowloon "B" v. St. Joseph's.—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Kinsilla.
China, 2.45.—Mr. Hutchins.

The International.

Scotland has a wide array of players to draw on for her international matches in Hongkong these days and a really strong combination will be opposing China (the Chinese Athletic) to-morrow. The Chinese met with their first defeat when opposed to the King's Own Scottish Borderers last week, and it would not be surprising to find that result repeated.

On the whole, however, I fancy that the wonderful understanding of the Chinese will triumph in much the same manner as it did against England in the semi-final, England having a representative team, stronger if anything than that of Scotland.

In The League.

Both Kowloon and the Club do Recreation are a long way behind the majority of teams in their fixtures in the Senior Division of the League, and as Kowloon are still interested in the Shield Competition, it is probable a few mid-week matches will have to be played if an effort is really to be made to catch up. Kowloon and the Recreation have not met previously this season, but form would indicate that the home side should win comfortably. They defeated the Recreation by 5-2 on the Recreation ground last season when the home side were at the height of their form.

The Police are struggling at the foot of the league table but after their recent successes in the Shield are not looking forward to the remainder of the season quite so despondently. The return of Mc-

TO-MORROW'S RACE MEETING.

SELECTIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.

[By "Wireless."]

The first extra Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. The opening starts at 2 p.m., and the first saddling will be rung at 1.30 sharp. There are nine events on the card, with five handicap races.

The "Happy Valley Handicap" ("A," "B" & "C" Classes over Six Furlongs) has attracted no fewer than 78 ponies. This constitutes a record entry. As a result, the handicaps were sent in very late and the Race Book, up to time of writing, is not yet out, but it will no doubt be ready for sale this evening.

The main event is "First Extra Meeting Stakes: One Mile," and, judging by the results at the annual Race Meeting, it should have been a dead cert, for Pickle, but it is with much regret that I learn the pony is "dicky" and will not be a starter. In his absence, Bengal should win, with Heir Apparent and Duke of Verona for places.

As regards "February Stakes," "Aberdeen Plate" and "Stanley Stakes," racing enthusiasts will not have much difficulty in making their selections, but the Handicap Races should cause many upsets. My selections are as follows:

1st Race.

1 San Francisco
2 Macao Beauty
3 Warrington.

2nd Race.

1 Fair Eyes
2 Spinner
3 Southern Stag.

3rd Race.

1 Grey Knight
2 The Goblin
3 Masonic Hall.

4th Race.

1 Bengal, if Pickle not starting.
2 Heir Apparent.
3 Duke of Verona.

5th Race.

1 Liberty Hall
2 Easter Day
3 Brown Jug.

6th Race.

1 November
2 Coos Bay
3 Blackstone Hall.

7th Race.

1 O-Moon
2 Gals Eve
3 Tarzon.

8th Race.

1 Erstwhile
2 Chermal
3 Loch Tummel.

9th Race.

1 Ukelele
2 Dobbin
3 Kom Tong Hall.

Greasy is a distinct acquisition and although he appears to be wasted in a forward position, he has added a weight to the line which gives it an increasing element of danger. The Police should win against the R.A.F. to-morrow.

The Junior Division.

The St. Joseph's appear to be logical favourites for the runners-up position in the Junior Division, in fact their position is well-nigh impregnable. They will be given a hard game by the Chinese Athletic Reserves to-morrow, but should win again, and ensure a well-merited success.

The Borderers, R.A. Reserves, and South China "B" also appear probable winners, while Kowloon's "B" eleven will be out to better their league position at the expense of St. Joseph's.

The Kowloon team to-morrow will be: Angus; Wheeler; Dodson; Hedley; Sims; Vickers; Reed; Kernick; Northey; Muir and Miles. The St. Joseph's Reserves team will be: MacGaan, Blanco, Silva; A. Reed, Omar, S. Reed; Fernandes, Bautista, Blanco, Haughton, and Lazama.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

TREBLE WIN FOR THE TAMAR.

On Wednesday, H.M.S. Tamar, the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and H.M.S. Carlisle fired off their League match at Stonecutters and engaged the 8th Destroyer Flotilla in a friendly match. The result was a treble win for the Tamar, a double win for 8th Flotilla and a win for 2nd Batt. Scots Guards. Scores:

H.M.S. Tamar.

P. O. Greening	200	500	000	Total
C. P. O. Gully	30	81	27	88
Sgt. Riddler	29	28	28	85
Sgt. Hillaby	27	29	30	86
Mine Counter	34	27	24	85
Cpl. Burnett	30	39	27	96
Sgt. Bishop	26	26	24	76
A. B. Rigby	29	33	30	92
Total	238	238	218	694

Plus 4% for open Sights 29

Grand Total 714

8th Destroyer Flotilla.

Lieut. Berry	29	28	28	85
Ch. Sto. Blackman	31	20	19	70
C. P. O. Best	30	29	25	84
S. B. A. Swinger	25	25	30	80
A. B. Hahner	31	29	30	90
C. P. O. Kent	31	34	28	93
L. S. Soyemore	31	31	30	92
A. M. McGlashan	30	28	32	90
Total	237	225	222	684

Plus 4% for open Sights 23

Grand Total 707

Scots Guards.

R. S. M. Murray	31	32	28	91
Sgt. Blakeley	28	34	24	86
C. S. M. Proven	29	31	31	91
Sgt. Slater	23	31	28	82
Sgt. Quinn	27	31	33	91
Sgt. Ley	30	29	32	89
Sgt. Jefferys	30	31	27	88
Ppr. Taylor	27	34	26	87
Total	223	263	229	705

H.M.S. Carlisle.

Lieut. Foster-Hall	25	27	15	67
Mr. Chandler	31	33	29	93
C. E. R. A. Sollars	24	24	17	65
P. O. King	21	23	24	68
Sergt. Woolward	24	30	26	80
Sto. Forward	24	26	26	76
Mne. Masters	27	22	27	76
Mne. Mitchell	27	22	21	70
Total	207	207	185	609

Plus 4% for open Sights 14

Grand Total 613

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP RESULT CORRECTION.

London, Feb. 23.

In the First Division of the English League to-day, Blackburn Rovers defeated Middlesbrough by three goals to nil.

The result of the Scottish Cup match between the Rangers and King's Park was wrongly cabled on Saturday, owing to a change of ground. The match was played on the Rangers' ground, and resulted in a win for them by three goals to one, and not vice versa.—Reuter.

RIFLE MEETING.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

A shoot for the rifle championship of the Colony has been arranged to take place over the Tai-koo Range on Sunday next. The shoot will commence at 10.30 a.m.

The rifle meeting will be open to all residents of the Colony, and further particulars can be obtained from Mr. C. S. Summers, Tai-koo Dock.

LAWN TENNIS.

THREE CLUB MATCHES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

There were three matches decided in the Hongkong Cricket Club Championship yesterday afternoon. The holder, S. E. Green had no difficulty in qualifying for the second round by beating W. M. Lyons by two straight sets.

Another interesting match was that between G. F. H. Bichard and the Very Rev. A. Swann. The dean lost in two sets, taking only five games in all.

Full results were—G. F. H. Bichard beat the Very Rev. A. Swann, 6-3, 6-3; J. G. Lawrie beat J. Barrow, 6-3, 6-0; S. E. Green beat W. M. Lyons 6-3, 6-1.

Games down for this afternoon are—R. P. Lonsdale v. W. B. Cornaby; E. D. Lawrence v. J. W. M. Healey; O. C. Womack v. Dr. J. R. Craig.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 25th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 25th:—

DIVISION I.

Blackburn	v.	Tottenham.
Bolton	v.	Huddersfield.
Everton	v.	Liverpool.
Wednesday	v.	Newcastle.

DIVISION II.

Clapton O.	v.	Stoke.
Manchester	v.	Preston.
Sh. Shields	v.	Barnsley.

DIVISION III.

Brighton	v.	Northampton.
Reckdale	v.	Chesterfield.
Walsall	v.	Swindon.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Bo'ness	v.	Airdrie.
Queen's Park	v.	Kilmarnock.

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CRICKET.

H. K. C. C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI will meet the Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley to-morrow at 2 p.m. The following will represent the H.K.C.C.:

A. W. Hayward, R. W. Lee, H. V. Parker, L. A. R. Duncan, N. S. Thorp, G. D. Wales, A. Reid, K. H. Batger, H. J. Armstrong, O. Moor and A. N. Other.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI in the game against H.M.S. Tamar on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow at 2 p.m.: J. Norris Owen, S. J. Jordan, W. Brackenridge, E. E. West, J. E. Collis, J. Hancock, H. Griffin, A. Howell, E. A. Simon, O. E. C. Marton and G. D. Mead.

The churchyard of St. John's Church, Waltham Green, S.W., is to be turned into a rock garden, the vicar, the Rev. E. H. Gallop, having stated that it is only used by the people to dispose of unwanted tin cans and dead cats.

A new bullet will make easier the task of capturing big game alive. The bullet inflicts only a flesh wound, but carries a chemical preparation which brings about temporary unconsciousness.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1260 b.
Chartered Bank, \$211 b.
Meroantile A. & B., \$322 n.
P. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$671 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$627 b.
Union Ins., \$319 b.
North China Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$24 n.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$685 b.
Shipping.
Douglases, \$43 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2.90 a.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$361 b.
Shell Trans., \$7/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 b.
Mining.
Bonguets, \$24 s.
Kailans, 66/- b.
Langkats, \$181 s.
Shai Exploration, \$18.25 n.
Raub, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$133 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$431 b.
China Providents, \$6 sa.
Hongkows, \$165 b.
New Engineering, \$15 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$197 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$17.60 s.
Orientals, \$12 b.
Shai Cottons, \$18.48 (old) b.
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CHAPTER XXI.

The sharp sting of spirits in her mouth revived Joyce. A soft, firm hand felt wrist and head, and touched her burning throat. A soft voice said, quietly:

"She's all right. The dear thing is coming round now."

Joyce opened her eyes—a tall and dignified woman stood over her, with kind eyes smiling reassuringly at her. It was Mrs. Stannard.

She looked up and smiled back, and said in a voice that was rather thick, and hurt as it came out of her throat, "Yes, I'm quite all right now."

Is that—that terrible madman gone?"

As she said this another figure loomed up in the dim light beside her, and said: "Yes, he won't trouble you any more, Joyce. And all that is done with for good, my dear."

It was Martin Stannard, smiling down at her—Martin Stannard who must have saved her. The thought revived her at once. She sat up on what was a comfortable couch, glanced round the strange, dim room.

"I'm safe," she cried. "I'm in the Dark House?"

"Yes," he smiled, "and no. In the Dark House, but not exactly in it. That has to be explained, my dear, and it can be explained now."

Mrs. Stannard bent and examined her tenderly, her hand resting affectionately on her shoulder.

"She'll be all right now, I think, Martin," she said. "And I had better go."

"Yes," he answered. "You had better go. Otto Rigg is a determined, and tenacious person. He's bound to come again."

"To search the Dark House?" cried Joyce, fearfully.

"Yes, but don't be afraid," smiled Mrs. Stannard. "Clever as Otto Rigg imagines himself to be, he won't be able to find you here."

She went out of the room through a low doorway, Martin going with her. While he was away Joyce took stock of her surroundings.

She was in a low, narrow room without a single window. Heavy beams braced the ceiling, which, as far as she could see, was solid chalk. The walls, though covered with tapestry as much as possible, were also of chalk. That, the lack of windows, and a sense of stuffiness told her that she was in a room under the earth.

Apart from that the room was quaint and comfortable. For lighting it had a number of electric lamps, with big batteries. Three were alight now, and they shone on a couple of big easy chairs, upon a well-stocked book-case, on a long narrow table covered with an orderly litter of books and diaries.

At the end away from the door through which Martin Stannard and his mother had gone was another door, and from where Joyce lay she could see the end of a candle bed in a room no larger than a cubicle. She rose, and, despite legs still inclined to tremble, looked at the tiny sleeping-place, as perfectly fitted up as a ship's cabin. She saw that facing the foot of the bed was another door, heavily curtained.

Returning to the couch, she had to pass the long table in the centre of the living room, and she glanced down casually at the papers there. On the blotting-pad was an apparently fresh collection of papers to be attended to and sorted. The handwriting on these papers leaped out at her. It was Hugo Shanley's.

One quick glance over the table showed her that the other papers and diaries belonged to Gamlin, Maker, and Fedden. The diaries were for the year 19— These were the missing papers.

As she looked down at them there suddenly arose at her very side a terrific knocking, the clashing of angry men at a door. She gave a little cry, and clutched the table to save herself from falling. She knew what that knocking meant—it was Otto and Stannard on the hunt for her.

Martin Stannard entered the room, easy, smiling. He saw her face, cried out, "Hallo! you shouldn't be standing—what's the matter?"

Joyce was just about to speak when the knocking broke out with redoubled fury. Joyce was appalled. Martin Stannard merely smiled.

"Don't be afraid," he laughed. "You're quite safe."

"But they're here, after us?"

"Not here," he said, "they're at the door of the Dark House."

"But I've got to close?"

"We're not," he smiled. "That misleads you, Joyce," he pointed to a metal trumpet which Joyce had passed over as belonging to a gramophone. She at once realised that the sounds were coming from

it. "A telephone," he went on, "or rather a detectaphone. Keeps me informed of all that is going on in the Dark House. Listen, you'll find it very entertaining. And don't forget we are quite safe."

It was entertaining—up to a point.

Joyce heard men come stamping into the Dark House, which was apparently far away. As the door opened she heard the angry voice of Stannard making impudent demands. She heard the grim servant retorting. She heard the quiet and distinguished voice of Mrs. Stannard speaking with a touch of contempt to the intruders. It was amusing to listen to the rage and helplessness of the baffled hunters—up to a point.

But presently it became apparent that Otto Rigg and Stannard intended less to search the Dark House than to force Mrs. Stannard to reveal the hiding place.

Bullying gave place to threats, and threats quickly gave place to real menace.

"You won't tell, won't you?" came the cold, snarling voice of Otto Rigg. "Well, I'm going to make you. Understand that, madam. I'm not in a mood to trifles. I'm going to make you tell—understand, make you tell."

If I have to tear you to pieces," Martin Stannard, his face white and grim, his lips set in a resolute and fierce line, stiffened, turned from the detectaphone and walked towards the door. Joyce watched him go in fear. Then:

"Wait a moment," she cried. "Some one else has come. He is stopping Otto Rigg."

Martin Stannard had caught the raw voice; he swung back, listening intently. A smooth, easy, nonchalant voice was coming across the line.

"Have you authority, Mr. Rigg?" No, I thought you hadn't. I have. This is my case, please. Yes, I don't doubt your excellent intentions. I appreciate your briskness and good-will, but—but I shall be obliged to you if you will kindly step outside. Yes, at once. Of course, Mr. Rigg, tell the Prime Minister, too, only do go outside now. Really, Mr. Rigg, I hope you are not going to force me to call in the several twenty policemen I have waiting out there. Good-bye. Yes, good-bye. Good-bye."

No, eloquence is wasted on me, I'm busy; keep it for the Home Secretary. Jukes, stand at that door and keep everything out. Tell the Prime Minister, too, only do go outside now. Really, Mr. Rigg, I hope you are not going to force me to call in the several twenty policemen I have waiting out there. Good-bye. Yes, good-bye. Good-bye."

"Who is that?" said Martin Stannard, and there was a touch of anxiety in his voice.

"The new detective," said Joyce. "The man I told you about as having arrived just before I went up to my room."

They listened at the detectaphone. Mr. Mainwaring through his slow, careful search of the house. He did not hurry, he took over an hour at the task. They heard him going, making his polite apologies to Mrs. Stannard. They heard the door shut after him.

"A decent fellow," murmured Martin. "A good fellow—but one with all his wits about him. We'll have to remember that lad with especial care." He glanced at the clock. "Do you know it is after five," he continued, "and you've been up all night, and such a trying night, too, Joyce. If you go into that little room there you can rest on the bed. Please do, dear. You are not robbing me. I have work here that must be done at once, and it will occupy me for several hours."

"But, Martin," she cried, "there is such a lot I want to know."

"I can guess that," he smiled. "But don't you think it had better wait?"

"Martin," she cried, "don't you realise that no human being? no girl, at any rate, could rest a moment until she learnt how her life had been saved?"

"Oh, that," he said, and smiled. "Of course, I'll tell you that—under protest, you understand, and only because you must get that rest."

Well, I called on Hugo, as I said I would. A successful call, his eyes gleamed with the old fierce light. "I did my business with Hugo. I returned here. Just as I reached the entrance of this lair I heard shots from Otto's house, and then an uproar. Putting the books I carried down, I ran back towards the noise."

I was frightfully afraid for you, my dear. I heard them running after you, followed the direction. I arrived at the haystack just as Hugo sprang at you. I intervened, of course, and carried you off here."

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL.

RESULTS OF SHORTHAND EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the Pitman's shorthand examination held at the French Convent in December are now to hand from England, and they are as follows:

100 words per minute.—Miss R. Perry.

80 words per minute.—Misses L. Shearer, V. Hudson, M. Hudson, D. Hirschberg, R. Perry and L. Deansfield.

The order of merit for speed is—1, Miss R. Perry; 2, Miss L. Shearer; 3, Miss V. Hudson. Elementary Certificates.—1, Miss A. T. Brondenu; 2, C. Barrett; 3, D. Hollands, E. Johnson, N. Brown and R. Nergaard.

In the quarter ending September 30, 1927, 83,947 boy babies and 80,062 girl babies were born in England and Wales.

"You are leaving out the interesting details," she laughed. "Am I?" he said, smiling. "What?"

"You are making it too simple. It wasn't anything of the sort. Hugo was strangling me. Also Stannard and Otto Rigg were on the spot, and, to put it mildly, they are not the sort to stand by idle while you carried me off."

"Oh, well," he smiled, embarrassed. "There was a bit of a scramble. I came up beside Stannard, and he thought I was one of the other pursuers. He yelled, 'My Gawd! that madman has strangled her.' I saw his game at once, or rather Otto's, for I had overheard. They wanted the mad Hugo to strangle you, to remove you—a witness against them. You can guess the murder I felt in my heart. It was a good thing really, it made me act promptly and fiercely."

"Before Stannard could realise who I was I had struck him as hard as I could, knocked him out once more. Then, like lightning, I was on Hugo. I hit him such a blow on the head that he rolled free from you, and lay wriggling and yelling. Then I dived at Otto, who, completely unstrung by my appearance, was at my mercy. I chose the place to land my blow with care, and I guarantee he did not recover consciousness for a full minute. Then I picked you up in my arms, not knowing whether you were alive or dead, and carried you across the Common to this place. They saw me just as I reached here—the other pursuers I mean, that's why they came to search the Dark House again, but they were too far away to do anything. And the rest you know—and—and—well, I think that is enough to enable you to rest."

"Oh, Martin—Martin!" she cried, with eyes shining. "You saved my life. . . . and the risk you ran. . . ."

"My dear," he said, "do you forget the risks you have run to save mine?"

(To be continued.)

"That the newspaper is a better medium for advertising than the poster or hoarding was one of the points made in an address to the Leeds Publicity Club by Mr. W. Buchanan Taylor, publicity manager to J. Lyons and Co., Ltd. the great London catering firm.

Speaking on the mystery of publicity, he said that the newspaper had the advantage over the poster because of its mobility. "Few People," he said, "can run and read, and few people have time to stop to read in these hectic times."

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RATES ON APPLICATION.

BRITISH TRIUMPHS.

RECENT BIG AERIAL FEATS.

Perth, Jan. 25.

"Great Britain's win in the Schneider Cup contest did more to increase public interest in aviation and stimulate the enthusiasm of British craft and engine designers than any event that I can remember," said Mr. E. W. Densham, a representative of the Bristol Aeroplane and Aeromotor Company, who is travelling to the Eastern States on the liner "Orvieto," which arrived at Fremantle yesterday from London.

Mr. Densham's purpose in visiting Australia is to increase Australian aviators' knowledge of the capabilities of British engines. He will spend some time in Melbourne and will then travel to the Langrenth to supervise the installation of two Bristol Jupiter engines into De Havilland machines operated by the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service. Later he will go to New Guinea, where two machines using Bristol engines are being operated in connexion with the exploitation of the goldfields.

Speaking of successful exploits recently undertaken by British machines engaged by his firm, Mr. Densham said that people were prone to overlook the big things being done by British men and machines and laud lesser exploits of foreigners. Last year Sir Samuel Hoare, director of Aerial Service, flew from London to Karachi in a British built and engine machine. More recently Mr. Van der Leer Black journeyed by air from Amsterdam to Batavia and back, a distance of 30,110 kilometres, in 27 days and only 133 flying hours. The whole of the Middle East Airway Service, which operated between Cairo and Basra, was composed of British machines driven by British engines and in that service 31,000 miles had been flown and only once had a plane been late. On that occasion it was half an hour behind time.

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A tremendous dose of pure nicotine was given to a cow and only insignificant traces of the drug were found in the cow's milk, even though the cow showed symptoms of nicotine poisoning.

The milk from the cow was fed to two kittens which remained perfectly normal.

A cat which had given birth to six kittens was given a large dose of nicotine sufficient to cause symptoms of nicotine poisoning. The kittens which took milk from the mother slept after nursing and showed no symptoms of poisoning whatever.

A mother who was willing to lend herself to the experiment smoked 20 to 25 cigarettes daily for six days following her child's birth. The secretion of milk was abundant at first, but decreased rapidly later.

Although a trace of nicotine was found in the milk, the amount present was not sufficient to cause symptoms of any kind even when the milk was concentrated.

Apparently extremely large doses of nicotine may temporarily suppress the secretion of milk, but will not be sufficient to affect the milk in such a manner that it may have any influence whatever upon the child.

Regardless of any other reasons why nursing mothers should not smoke, possible effects on the child from the absorption of the nicotine secreted in the milk are not to be anticipated.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

CHILDREN OF MOTHERS WHO SMOKE.

NOT AFFECTED.

During a convention of non-descript practitioners of healing in Chicago, the outstanding observation as listed in the press was the claim made by one of them that 60 per cent. of all babies born of cigarette-smoking mothers died before reaching the age of two, primarily as a result of nicotine poisoning.

As a scientific statement, this pronouncement partakes of the odor popularly credited to limburger cheese.

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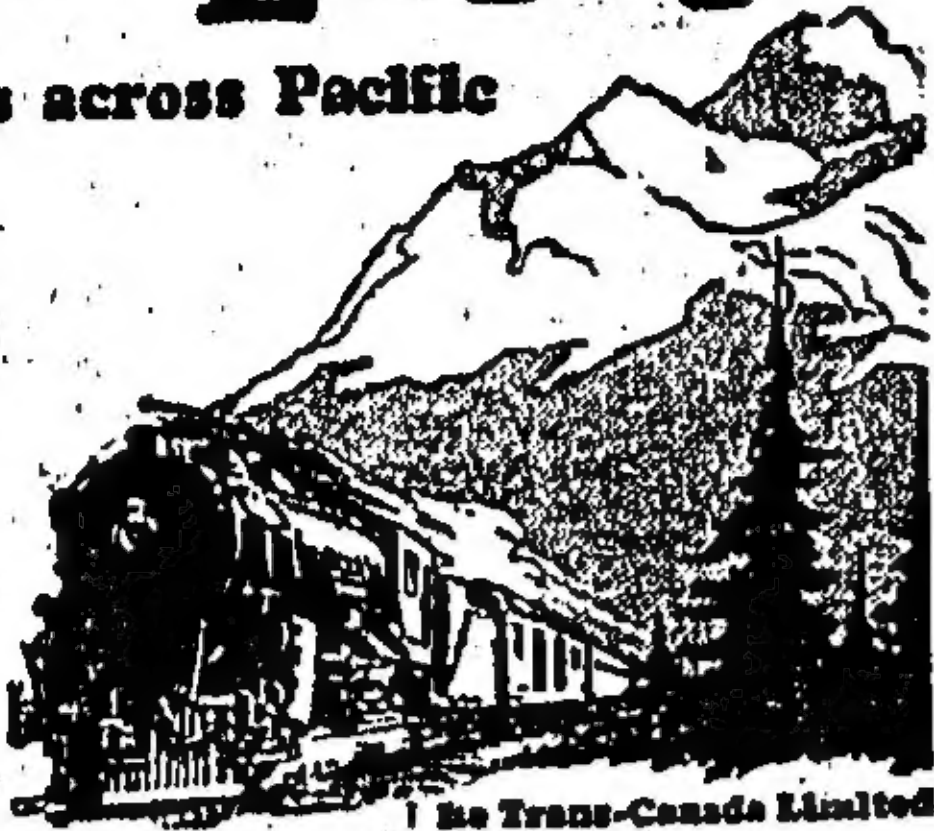
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING
WEEK.

No. 318. Hongkong Volunteer Defence
Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G.

Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, Feb. 24, 1928.

1. Annual Inspection. Thursday,
15th March, 1928.
The General Officer Commanding,
South China Command will inspect the
Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps
on Thursday, 15th March, 1928 on
Murray Parade Ground at 6.00 p.m.
Every member of the Corps (Re-
serve Company included) is required
to attend.

Further details will be issued later.
Members are reminded that atten-
dance at the above inspection is one
of the qualifications for efficiency.

2. Conference at Corps Headquarters
on Monday, 27th February at
5.30 p.m. on Kirkpatrick Scheme for
1928, all available Officers to attend,
all ranks interested in reconnaissance
work are invited to attend.

3. Corps Rifle Meeting.

Corps Rifle Meeting will take place
at Stonecutters Range on April 8th
and 9th (Easter Sunday and Easter
Monday). Further details will be
issued later.

4. The Garrison Rifle Meeting will
take place on 17th, 18th and 19th
April, 1928. Two matches are open
to Volunteers, will those interested
apply to The Adjutant for details.

5. The Corps Notice Board has been
moved to the Drill Hall and is placed
on the inside of the Western wall
facing the Drill Room.

6. The attention of all ranks is
drawn to the modified conditions of
service applicable to men with three
years' efficient service to their credit,
a copy of the regulation is on the
Corps Notice Board.

7. Musketry, Sunday, 26th February.
The Scottish Company will fire Part
1. Table T, at Stonecutters Range on
Sunday, 26th February, 1928.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Mor-
rison.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at
9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional,
but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces
and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters today, between 9 a.m.
and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5
and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 25th
February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

8. The Battery.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Thursday, 1st March at 6.25 p.m.
Signal Section as per programme
under Lieut. Walker, R. A. Full at-
tendance is essential.

9. Engineer Company.

Field Section. Parade at Corps
Headquarters on Wednesday, 29th
February, at 5.30 p.m. for General
Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

10. Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 1st March for
Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

11. Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday, 27th February for Machine
Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.
Motor Cycle Section. Parade at
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday, 27th February under Lieut.
Hancock. Thursday, 1st March.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30
p.m. Special Class for instruction
under Lieut. Hancock for those
previously detailed.

12. Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tues-

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Reuter's American Service.

day, 28th February and Friday, 2nd
March for Machine Gun Instruction.
Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tues-
day, 28th February for Machine Gun
Instruction. Dress: Mufti, belt, rifle
and bayonet.

13. Scottish Company.

Musketry Part I, see Order No. 7.
Thursday, 1st March at 5.30 p.m.
All Platoons will parade at Platoon
Headquarters for Squad and Arms
Drill.

Reference: Corps Order No. 517
Para. 11. Sunday, 26th February,
1928. The triangular shoot against
2nd Batta: Scots Guards and 2nd
Batta: K. O. S. Borderers is post-
poned until Sunday, 18th March,
1928.

Sunday, 4th March. The Company
will not shoot Part 1 on this date.

Sunday, 18th March, 1928. Tri-
angular shoot arranged by Mr. R. M.
Dyer between 2nd Batta: Scots
Guards, 2nd Batta: K. O. S. Borderers
and Scottish Company at Stonecut-
ters.

Sunday, 1st April, 1928. Inter-
Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

14. Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Friday, 24th February at 5.30 p.m.
Dress: mufti, belt, sling, frog, rifle
and bayonet. Miniature Range for
Recruits.

Musketry Instruction and drill.

15. Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 29th Febru-
ary for Machine Gun Class Instruc-
tion.

16. Strength.

The following recruits are taken in
the strength and posted as under:

No. 1301 Pte. S. J. Clarke, A. C.
Company as from 10.2.28.

No. 1302 Pte. H. E. Crossell, No. 6
Platoon as from 20.2.28.

No. 1303 Pte. R. Morrison, No. 6
Platoon as from 20.2.28.

No. 1304 Pte. T. Coleman, No. 6
Platoon as from 20.2.28.

No. 1305 Pte. J. P. White, No. 6
Platoon as from 20.2.28.

17. Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and ap-
pointments take effect from 17th
February, 1928.

Armoured Car Company.

No. 847 L/Cpl. C. R. Wilson to be
Company Sergeant-Major.

No. 438 L/Serg. R. W. Lee to be
Sergeant.

No. 792 L/Serg. E. J. J. Spradbery
to be Sergeant.

No. 787 L/Cpl. E. D. Labrousse
to be Lance Sergeant.

No. 660 Cpl. G. L. Farmer to be
Lance Sergeant.

No. 994 Pte. H. V. Parker to be
Corporal.

No. 1147 Pte. G. B. Labrum to be
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No. 1134 Pte. G. H. Bond to be
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No. 698 Pte. P. E. Barker to be
Lance sergeant, as from 1st March,
1928.

18. Transfer.
No. 1148 Signaller R. J. Vernal is
transferred from Signals to the En-
gineer Company, Field Section, as
from 27.1.28.

19. Reversion.
No. 877 L/Cpl. F. N. Doodha,
Armoured Car Company reverts to
the ranks at his own request, as from
20.2.28.

20. Leave.
The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:

Lieut. F. S. Harrison, A. S. Co
Cadre, from 3.3.28, to 2.12.28.

No. 698 Pte. P. E. Barker, A. C.
Company, from 1.3.28, to 28.2.29.

No. 692 Pte. E. de Silva, Signals,
from 12.2.28, to 12.3.28.

No. 498 Sergt. R. W. Lee, A. C.
Co., from 1.3.28, to 28.2.29.

No. 507 Pte. H. J. Armstrong, No. 1
Platoon, from 1.3.28 to 30.11.28.

No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Re-
serve Sect. Co., from 5.3.28, to 5.3.29.

21. Resignations.
The following are permitted to re-
sign from the Corps on leaving the
Colony:

No. 555 Bdr. M. H. Wallace, The
Battery, as from 1.3.28.

No. 1213 Pte. A. E. Pritchard, No.
1 Platoon, as from 10.2.28.

Having purchased discharge, as
from 20.1.28.

No. 1006 Pte. E. S. K. Ho, Armoured
Car Company.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR,
Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICES.

1. Engineer Company.
All ranks are requested, to attend
at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday,
29th February for a special function.

2. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.
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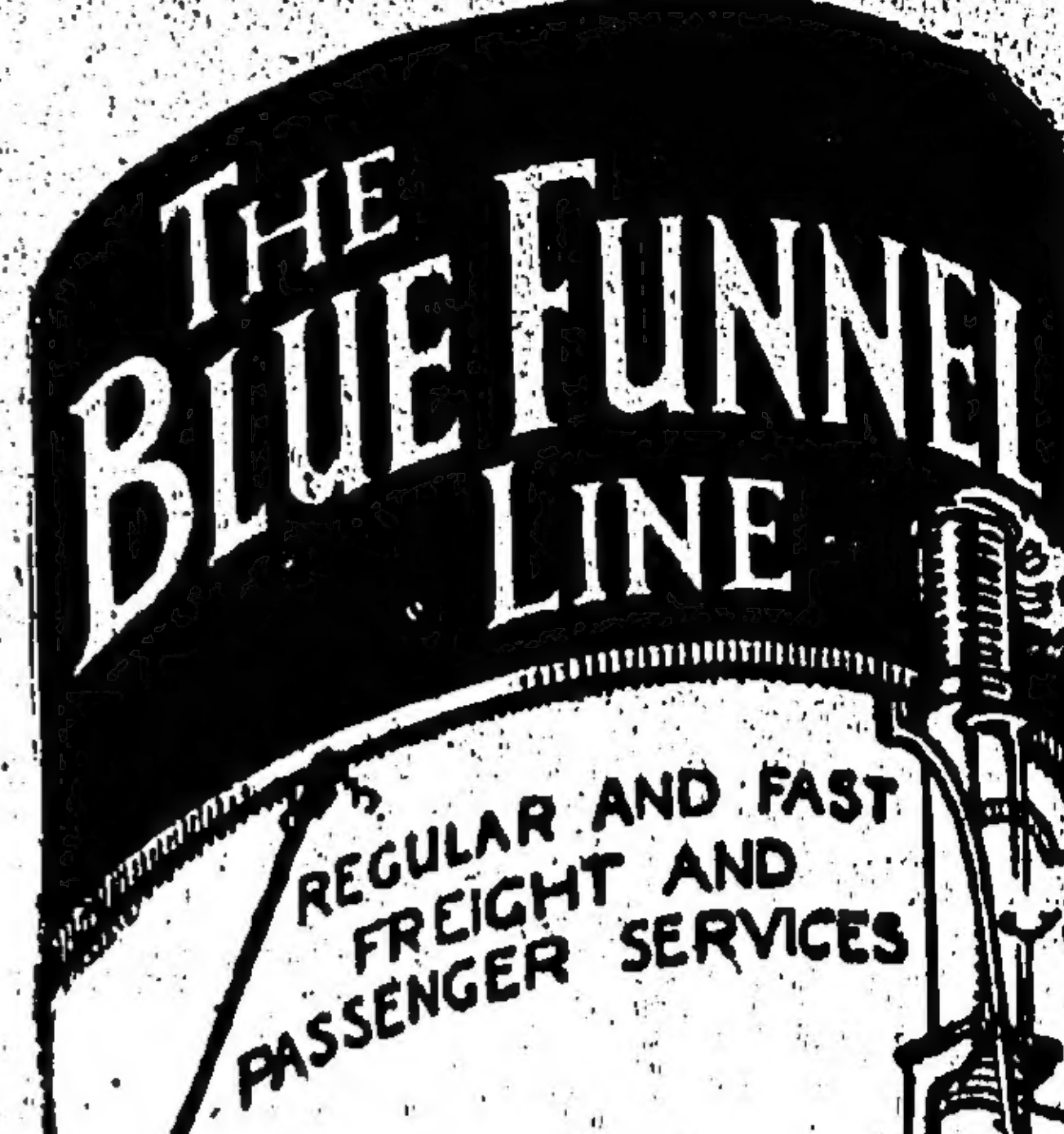
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Discussing the practical importance of the flight the newspapers recognise that it will bring new problems of modifications in design which will permit of such machines carrying passengers and cargo.

The Manchester Guardian, still believing that distant air travel of the future will be by airship, and recognising that good fortune in the matter of weather favoured Captain Hinkler, says that his distinction is to have brought the flight to Australia down to the level of ordinary every day commercial traffic.

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Mr. Leo d'Almada prosecuted and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask represented the defendant.

Briefly outlining the case, Mr. d'Almada said that the defendant was the complainant's brother-in-law and had been employed in the latter's shop for the past six years. He received about \$20 per month and his duties were to buy and sell leather.

On November 25 last year he was given instructions to pay a visit to Canton to purchase leather and was handed \$800. This money was given to him in the presence of his sister and another witness. At the same time the defendant applied for leave for an extra 15 days' holiday in the Chinese city and asked for the loan of \$50 for his expenses.

The \$50 was handed to him but this did not form part of the charge. He was not seen again and it was subsequently discovered that he had never gone to Canton, but had remained in Hongkong the whole time. Consequently a warrant was applied for and he was arrested.

Mr. d'Almada pointed out that the complainant was not vindictive and would have accepted a satisfactory explanation.

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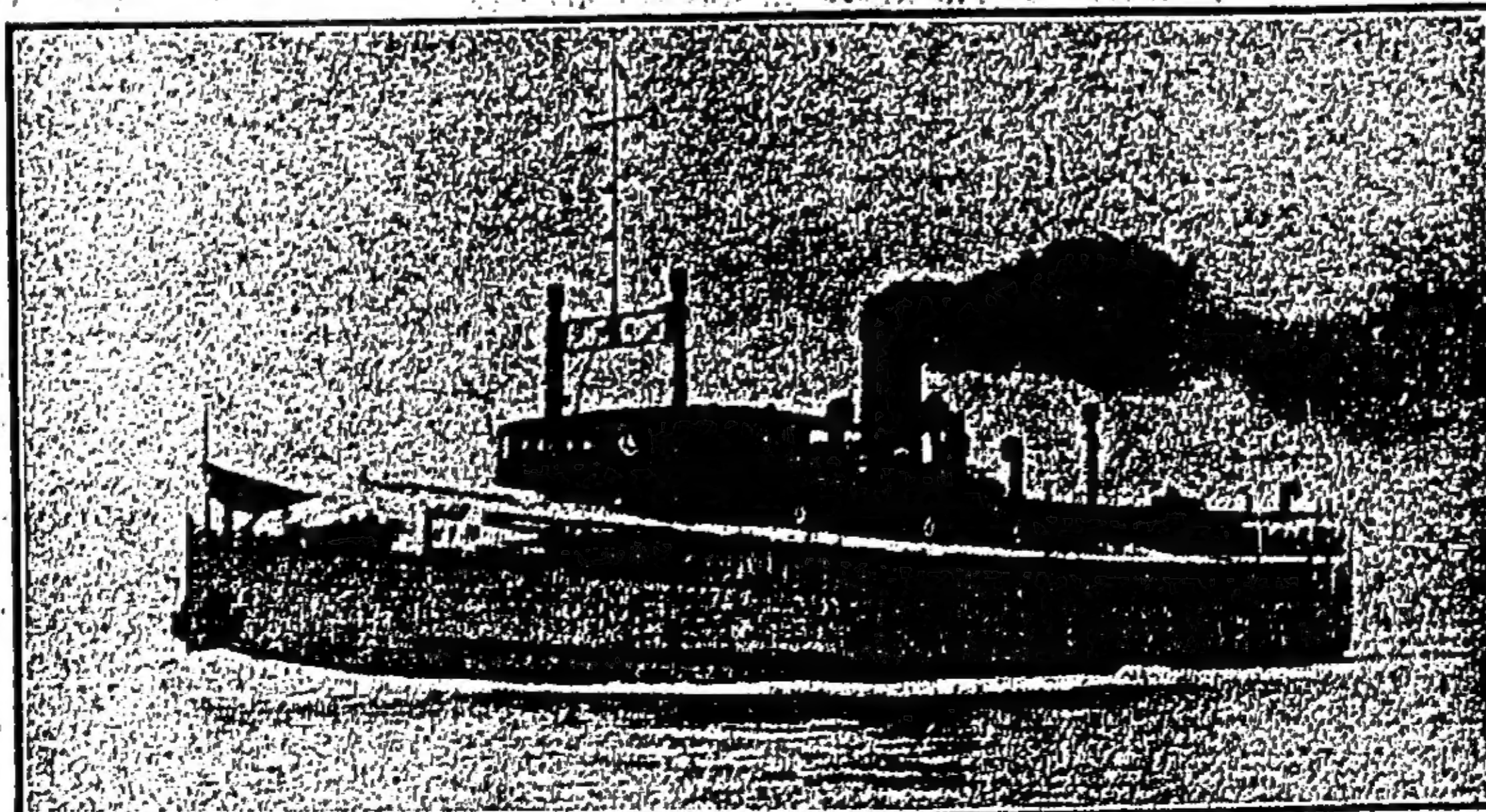
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MAINTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
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SHIRALA	7,841	9th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NAAGPORE	5,283	12th Mar.	
MAINTUA	10,946	16th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	
SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	
JEYPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	
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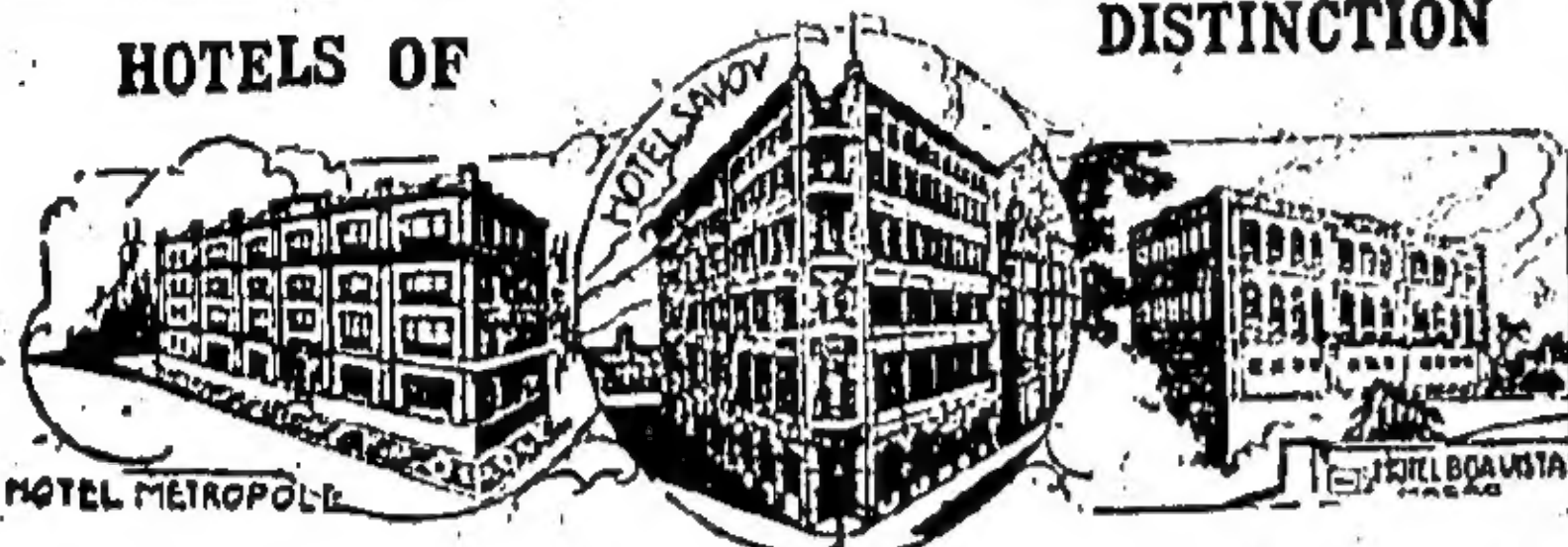
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ENGINE TROUBLES.

TWO STEAMERS PUT INTO
HONGKONG.

During the last 24 hours, two
vessels have been reported as
experiencing engine trouble, both
returning to Hongkong for repair.

The Norwegian freighter Tinto,
sailing from Hongkong on Feb-
ruary 14th, broke down at Breaker
Point, but managed to make Hong-
kong in a disabled condition.
The breakdown was not serious
and repairs having been effected
within a few hours, she resumed
her journey northwards yesterday.

The s.s. Kanchow (Captain C.
E. Fisher), of the China Navigation
Company, arriving yesterday,
reports that leaving Shanghai on
February 12th for Amoy, the L.
P. crank shaft broke, totally dis-
abling the engines on February
13. The vessel was then in
Latitude 26.36 North and Longi-
tude 120.60 East.

Assistance was rendered by the
s.s. Sinkiang, of the same line,
which vessel towed the damaged
craft into Amoy on February 16th.
Cargo was discharged and loaded
at this port and the damaged
vessel was towed into Hongkong
by s.s. Nanchang, also of the
China Navigation Company, arriv-
ing here yesterday afternoon.

The Kanchow was received at
Taikoo Dock shortly after arrival
and repairs have now been taken
in hand.

HOSPITAL SENSATION.

WOUNDED PRISONER'S
ESCAPE.

Dublin, Jan. 23.
St. Brigid's Military Hospital,
Dublin, was the scene of a dramatic
rescue to-day.

A wounded prisoner, James
Nugent, was lying in bed in the
charge of an armed detective, when
suddenly two armed men appeared
in the ward. They levelled re-
volvers at the head of the detec-
tive, and ordered him to surrender
his gun. The detective refused,
and one of the men fired, but missed.
When the smoke cleared away it
was found that the men had fled.
The bed was empty, and it was
thought that Nugent, clad in his
pyjamas, climbed the wall in order
to escape.

"DRIZZLE OR MIST."

To-day's Observatory report
states:—The depression has
deepened and is now central over
South Hokkaido. The anticyclone
is now central near Shanghai.
Fresh monsoon may be expected
along the south-east coast of
China and over the China Sea.
The forecast up to noon to-morrow
is:—North-east winds, fresh, gen-
erally cloudy; some drizzle or
mist.

PINGSHEK AGAIN
RETAKEN."REDS" ONCE MORE OUSTED
FROM CITY.

BIG CANTON CLAIMS.

Canton, Feb. 24.

A telegram from Shikwan,
received yesterday, reports the re-
capture of Pingshek. This is the
third time that Pingshek, after
having fallen into the hands of
the "Reds" from Hunan, has been
recaptured by Government forces.

The Government claims the cap-
ture of several field guns and
several hundred rifles, left behind
in the city by the "Reds," and says
that more than 800 "Red" peasants
have been taken prisoner. The
"Red" commander, Chu Teh, had
a narrow escape from being cap-
tured, apparently having been
badly wounded in action. The
Hunan border is again feeling over-
tense.

The authorities and public or-
ganisations in Kwelin have ad-
dressed a telegram to General
Wang Shao-hung urging him im-
mediately to return to Kwelin
with his troops.

It is stated in the telegram that
"Reds" from southern Hunan, who
failed to cross into Kwangtung,
are attempting to make their way
down through Kwangsi. Accord-
ing to latest reports, some 10,000
"Reds" are on their way to Kwelin,
where the local troops are not
sufficiently numerous to offer
effective resistance.—Nam Chung
Pao.

BRITISH VIEWS ON
SECURITY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sweden, Yugo-Slavia, Argentina,
Chile and Holland expressed their
views yesterday and the new Ger-
man memorandum on the preven-
tion of war was presented.

Particular interest was shown in
the advocacy of Doctor Fiddell,
Canadian delegate, of the Perma-
nent Conciliation Commission.
He put forward the proposal of his
Government that States with
special geographical difficulties
should establish a permanent com-
mission of an equal number of
eminent citizens for the purposes
of investigation.

Canada and the United States
had had seventeen years experience
of such a joint commission, and
every decision taken during last
eighteen years, including many of
great importance and covering a
variety of subjects, has been taken
unanimously. In such a commis-
sion there was great value in the
persistence and equality of num-
bers. Mutual confidence and im-
partiality were inspired. The
state of affairs between Canada
and United States showed how the
absence of armed forces prompted
confidence and removed fears and
suspensions.—British Wireless.

PLANTER'S LIBEL
ACTION.AMICABLE SETTLEMENT
REACHED.

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 17.

The libel case Cole v. Wheeler
was settled in the Supreme Court
this morning before Mr. Justice
Acton.

Mr. E. D. Shearn, for Mr. Cole,
said the parties had agreed to a
settlement on the following terms:
Judgment to be entered for the
plaintiff for \$2,750 damages, and
\$500 costs and Mr. Wheeler,
through his counsel, to withdraw
all imputations against Mr. Cole's
character and reputation as a
planter.

Explanations having been ex-
changed between the parties,
plaintiff did not maintain the
charges regarding high yielding
trees.

Mr. W. H. Hastings, on behalf
of Mr. Wheeler, confirmed the
terms and withdrew all charges of
intemperance and lack of applica-
tion made by the defendant,
though when such were made de-
fendant had honest though mis-
taken grounds for making them.

The judge accordingly struck
the case off the list.
The parties to the action were
Mr. R. C. Cole, formerly an assis-
tant on Sungai Sidu Estate
(plaintiff) and Mr. C. R. Wheeler,
manager of Sungai Sidu Estate
(defendant).

The claim was for \$5,463, being
\$5,000 damages for libel and the
balance for expenses incurred in
connection with a motor accident.

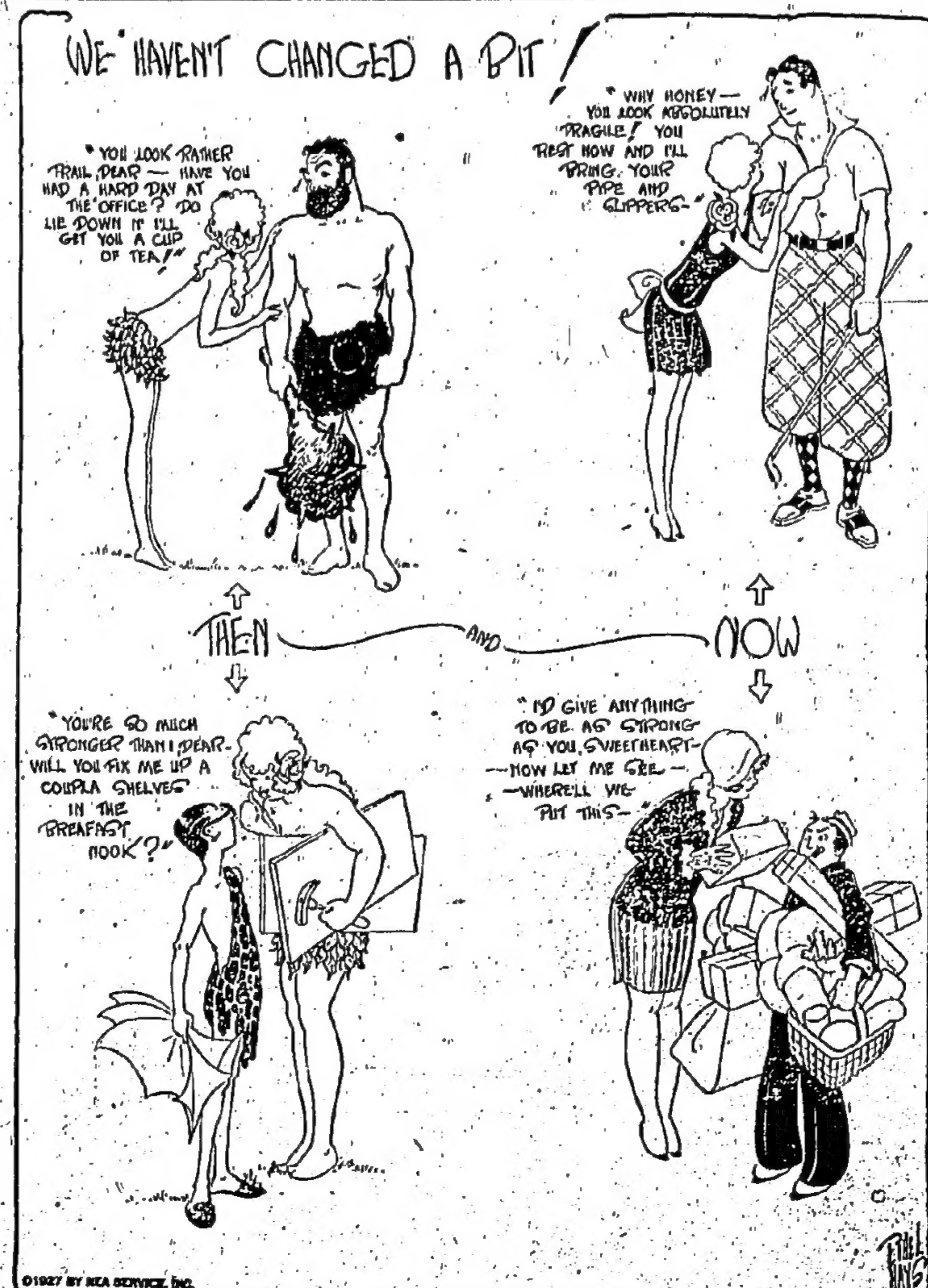
Plaintiff alleged that defendant
made false allegations about his
work and conduct to his agents,
Whittall and Co., in order to dis-
credit him in the eyes of the
agents and that it was done mal-
iciously because some trouble had
occurred between the parties over
the sale of a motor car by de-
fendant to plaintiff.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. In Southern 2. A beautiful South
African plant whose white blossoms keep
fresh for several weeks. 3. A weather
survey of a million square miles in con-
nection with the airship service to India.
4. In Collingwood-street, Southwark. They
were built about 300 years ago. 5. Great
Tom, the tower bell of Lincoln Cathedral,
has been silenced because its vibrations
impeded the repair work. 6. That known
as the "Pearl Bible," printed by Field in
1923. 7. According to Mr. Philip Snowden,
M.P., £22,000,000,000. 8. At Bostons where
last position is occupied by Miss Lily
Thorp. 9. General Primo de Rivera, the
Spanish Prime Minister, who uses them as
a preventive of rheumatism. 10. No; it was
withdrawn two years ago. 11. In 1925, when
three and a half millions were coined. 12.
1920.

Frederick Cornwallis Harrison,
aged 41, a chauffeur, of Caver-
ham Rise, Reading, was sen-
tenced to 15 months' imprison-
ment at Berkshire Assizes for
shooting at Emily Emmans, a par-
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